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## Mark Freda Resigns After Thirteen Years On Borough Council

Council President Mark Freda said Tuesday that he will resign from Borough Council after 13 years of service. His resignation will become effective at the January 3 Borough reorganization meeting.

Mr. Freda, 42, said the decision to resign was not easy, but he found he had to consider his priorities. "First and foremost are my 3-year-old daughter and 4-month-old son. Secondly, increased responsibilities at work require me to be in New York City at least two days a week."

The number of evening and weekend meetings has taken too much time away from his family, said the Princeton native, who is vice president, facilities management, at Commodities Corporation LLC. "With my work situation, I am now spending even less time at home. The total effect of this takes me away from my family more than they should have to tolerate."

Mr. Freda challenged Marvin Reed for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1995. He lost this election and continued to serve on Council. In 1997, he was swept to his fifth term in office, receiving the highest vote count of the four Council candidates. "One of my goals since I got on Council was running for Mayor," he said. "This will have to be postponed."

The amount of time Mr. Freda gave to his Borough responsibilities is evidenced by his 91.6 percent

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## Teachers Demand Contract from Board

More than 100 members of the 300-member Princeton Regional Education Association (PREA), the union to which all teachers in the Princeton Regional Schools belong, attended the Board of Education meeting on December 15, to demand — politely — that the board and PRS administrators negotiate a contract with them.

The teachers have been working without a contract since June 30, when their last three-year pact expired. The imposition of a news black-out, to which both sides agreed, has meant that residents have no knowledge of the issues under negotiation.

Several teachers indicated that no progress has been made towards a settlement since the union's last appearance before the board on October 27.

"People are getting very upset," commented Jo Szabaga, a mathematics teacher at the John Witherspoon Middle School. "Members of the community need to understand what is happening."

Most people think teachers work a six-hour day, nine and a half months of the year, she indicated.

"In reality, there is classroom preparation, grading papers, weekend conferences.

"Teachers are still fulfilling their after-school responsibilities," Ms. Szabaga emphasized, "and the board just seems to take it for granted. We would be happy to do it — if we had a contract."

High school teacher Suzanne Thompson added that teachers are trying to remain professional and not to do anything that would have

a negative impact on their students.

She said she has been spending at least ten hours weekly writing letters of reference for students applying to college. In addition, she must prepare and refine lesson plans and grade papers; and she is coaching students who are putting on a play — all on her own time.

Teachers claim that board members have repeatedly failed to show up for negotiating sessions with

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## Lights & Batting Cage Request Prompts Study of Grover Park

Baseball Commissioner Jim Mahon, president of both the Princeton Baseball Association (PBA) and the Princeton Youth Baseball Association (PYBA), has proposed that the joint recreation department erect an indoor batting facility in Grover Park — between the two fields closest to Clearview Avenue.

(The park is bounded by Grover Avenue, Clearview Avenue, and the Princeton Shopping Center lot.)

In a letter to Recreation Director Jack Roberts, Mr. Mahon also

suggested that lights be installed on one or both of the fields, for Little League play.

At a meeting of the joint recreation board on December 9, PBA Vice President Michael Finkelstein presented the PBA case, noting that the lack of facilities for Little League play in Princeton is "very serious."

There are 540 kids involved, he explained; only three Little League fields are available to 32 teams.

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**HAPPY CHANUKAH:** Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins shows Jewish Center Nursery Class members Benjamin Weiner (age 3 at left) and Oren Karsen, 4, how to light a menorah. Chanukah started at sundown last Sunday and will last eight days. A new candle is lit each day. (Photo by Albert Raboteau)

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### Teachers

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union representatives.

Negotiations broke down some time ago; and the two sides have been meeting with a mediator from the New Jersey Public Employee Relations Commission. Another session is scheduled for Thursday, December 17.

### Activity Could Escalate

Several PREA members indicated that if no movement takes place at that time, union activity could escalate.

"Every three years at contract renewal time, it is a joke," commented a high school teacher. "They do all that posturing. Don't they have any idea how unhappy we are?"

Several teachers from each of the Princeton Regional district schools spoke eloquently at the meeting about their dissatisfaction and their frustration at being forced to work so long without a contract.

The fact that the district imposed a 90-day budget freeze last month and is seeking ways to curtail the proposed 1999-2000 budget of \$43.2 million puts teachers in a "bad light," commented one PREA member.

Teachers will probably be blamed for excessive district expense, she surmised. It is not generally known, she said, that teachers contribute money to school fundraisers "all the time."

"I am hoping that on Thursday the news blackout will end," commented Ms. Thompson. "It is time for us to either have a contract or tell the community what is going on."

If it appears that mediation is not working, the mediator can request that a "fact find-

## TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund Reaches \$30,000 in Third Week

Donations continue to be received by the TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund in this, the 52nd year in which the newspaper has sought contributions to be used to help people in need throughout the coming year.

This past week, the Fund gained greatly from the generous support of the F. Seward Johnson Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust, which contributed \$20,000. The Charitable Trust has been a strong and consistent supporter for many years.

Contributions of every size also came in from individuals — some of whom were sending a check for the first time and others who have made the Town Topics Christmas Fund part of their holiday giving for many years.

The fund is administered by Family & Children's Services of Central New Jersey, which has an office on John Street. Its staff directs assistance to individuals or families that require an extra boost to get through a difficult period. Assistance is also given to pay tuition or buy books for those who have enrolled in school in an effort to improve their lives.

In the third week of the appeal, the Fund reached a total of \$30,312. To contribute, make checks payable to the Town Topics Christmas Fund and mail them to P.O. Box 664, Princeton 08542; or bring them to the Town Topics office at 4 Mercer Street.

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er" enter the picture.

Rather than attempting to help the two sides reach agreement, as a mediator does, the fact finder evaluates all information that could have a bearing on the situation.

School budget development may be relevant, as may the salary scale in neighboring school districts.

After a thorough study of the issues, the fact finder issues a report. It is not binding on either side, but it does usually produce a settlement.

—Anne Rivera

### Mark Freda

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attendance record since 1986. During these 13 years, Council met 559 times. In addition, Mr. Freda spent an average of about 11 hours a week attending meetings of Council committees.

A few weeks ago, coming home from work, his daughter Rebecca looked up at him and asked, "Are you going to a meeting tonight?" Hearing this question from his 3-year-old child appeared to account for a great deal as Mr. Freda assessed his decision to leave the life of public service he loves.

Looking back over the past 13 years, Mr. Freda said he was most proud of trying to set a standard as to what Council members should provide to the town through being open-minded, honest, to the point, and trying to do what is best for the Borough.

He said he will continue his longtime service in the Fire Department and First Aid Squad, but that he will not sit on any Borough citizens' committees next year. "I have been spending too much time away from my family, between work and the Borough. But I can't give up the hope that once the children are older I can come back," he said.

One regret, Mr. Freda said, was not being able to come closer to an agreement with Princeton University on devising a more realistic annual contribution in lieu of taxes. He also said he wished the Borough had moved on forcing all tax exempts in the Borough and Township that send

children to the public schools to pay taxes.

In a prepared statement, Mr. Freda said, "I would like to publicly thank my wife and immediate family for all their support and tolerance over the years, for all the meals and family events I missed or had to leave early." He also thanked every Borough employee, saying "The Borough is blessed with an excellent staff. Thanks to them I have been able to accomplish a lot as a Council member."

Addressing the citizens of Princeton Borough, Mr. Freda said, "I am very grateful for the opportunity to have served you for so long ... All I can say is that I have always tried to do my best for the Borough and the people who live here."

Council will vote to appoint a successor to Mr. Freda, based on the recommendations of Borough Democratic committee persons.

—Myrna K. Bearse

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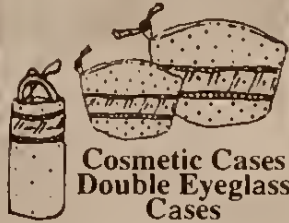
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(Photo by Charles Phay)

## New Development on Paul Robeson Place Will Be All-Residential, Says Mayor Reed

Palmer Square Development has done a complete about-face and will revert to all-residential development of its property on Paul Robeson Place, Borough Mayor Marvin Reed said at the Tuesday, December 8 meeting of Borough Council.

In another turnaround, Palmer Square will attempt to provide for its affordable housing obligation on site, said the Mayor. It has been understood up until now that this obligation would be met through the financing of affordable units elsewhere in the Borough.

Mayor Reed said he was told by people at Palmer Square that they are looking

at an entirely residential development in this last remaining open parcel of the Palmer Square/Hulfish North/Paul Robeson development.

## TOPICS Of the Town

This land is located on Paul Robeson Place (a portion of it above the garage), backs onto buildings on the north side of Hulfish Street, and runs from Chambers Street almost to Witherspoon Street.

During the failed negotiations to place the public library in the middle of this site, Palmer Square officials had said that a commercial building would be built if the library deal did not work out. "Apparently the idea that they might locate an office building at the library site was not their intention," said Mayor Reed.

David Newton, vice president of Palmer Square, declined to comment, saying that a final decision on the development had not been made.

### Approval for 97 Units

More than a decade ago, Palmer Square received approval to construct 97 residential units at this site. But the approval came at the same time as the steep decline in the real estate market in the late eighties, and the site remained empty for many years.

But in April of this year, Palmer Square officials unveiled a new plan. Instead of the 97 residential units, the plan called for 60 townhouses and two commercial structures. It was stated that one of the structures would contain the Princeton Public Library — assuming negotiations were successful — but that if they weren't, the building would be developed into office and retail space.

At the same press conference in April, plans to build a six-story addition to the Nassau Inn on the south side of Hulfish Street were announced. In September, the Regional Planning Board

approved these plans, rejecting the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Review Committee that the addition be scaled back in height and bulk.

Late last year, a number of Princeton residents attended a meeting called by Reeves Hicks to contribute their ideas to the development of Paul Robeson Place. At that time, David Newton said his firm's basic desire was to move

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**PINT-SIZED PLAYWRIGHTS:** Princeton Junior School students in grades two through four, above, have written an original play about the American Revolution that will be presented on December 17, at 1:30 and 7 p.m., at the school on Fackler Road.

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## Hulfish North

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away from the 97 residential units because of the nature of the site and what the site deserved.

### Shops and Housing

The Princeton residents' wish list of what they would like to see included senior housing, mixed housing for various income groups, a grocery store, and mom-and-pop stores. Jim Constantine, a planner, asked for mixed-use redevelopment of the type that has existed in the downtown for more than a hundred years.

This type of development, with retail at ground level and residential/commercial above, keeps a steady supply of people in town at all hours and gives more residents a stake in the health of the business district.

After six months of negotiations, it was announced late last month that the library would not move to Paul Robeson Place, but would be expanded at its current site. The talks had focused on a land swap, whereby Palmer Square would acquire the library site in exchange for accommodating the library on Paul Robeson Place. Borough Council President Mark Freda said that the parties were not able to resolve their differences regarding the value of the properties.

### "Soil Poses No Threat"

In another development relating to the downtown, Mayor Reed said last Tuesday night that he had been told by representatives of PSE&G that soil samples taken inside and outside the public library had shown nothing that poses a threat to the health and safety of people, including library employees and patrons.

Councilman Roger Martindell suggested that the results be double-checked. "They are answerable to the DEP," responded Councilman David Goldfarb. "I don't think we have to review the DEP in Princeton Borough."

Mayor Reed suggested that everyone wait for the final report, which he expected to be available in a few weeks. "That final document should clarify these questions," he said.

The library and adjacent Park-and-Shop lot underwent tests for contaminants in October to see if a gas-manufacturing plant that had operated there for more than 60 years had left contaminants in the soil.

—Myrna K. Bearse

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# Professor Bahcall & Daughter Orli Receive Major Recognition

A day after his daughter Orli was named a Marshall Scholar, which is one of the highest undergraduate accolades, Professor of Astrophysics John N. Bahcall was awarded the nation's highest science and technology honor, the National Medal of Science.

John Bahcall is Richard Black Professor of Natural Sciences at the Institute for Advanced Study and visiting lecturer with the rank of professor at Princeton University.

He was honored for his pioneering efforts in neutrino astrophysics and his contributions to the development and planning of the Hubble Space Telescope.

A 22-year-old senior at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Orli Bahcall is president of the Biology Undergraduate Student Association and founding editor of the Biology Undergraduate Journal at MIT. She is a grad-



John N. Bahcall

uate of Princeton High School and also attended Riverside School and John Witherspoon Middle School.

In naming nine of the nation's most renowned scientific researchers to receive the National Medal of Science, President Clinton cited them for "their creativity, resolve, and a restless spirit of innovation to ensure continued U.S. leadership across the frontiers of scientific knowledge."

Established by Congress in 1959, the National Medal of Science has been awarded to 362 distinguished scientists and engineers, including this year's recipients.

The Marshall scholarships were founded in 1953 as a British gesture of thanks to the people of the United States for the assistance received after the Second World War under the Marshall Plan. The scholarships, financed by the British Government, provide an opportu-

nity for American students, who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership potential, to continue their studies for two or three years at a British University.

Ms. Bahcall plans to study the history of medicine at Oxford before proceeding to further academic work in microbiology.

Prominent former Marshall scholars include the U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Stephen Breyer; U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt; New York Times foreign affairs columnist, Tom Friedman; and the scientist/inventor, Ray Dolby.

This year's list of 40 recipients also includes Princeton University student Richard Johnston, of Spartanburg, S.C.

The Bahcall family, residents of Adams Drive, had an earlier reason to celebrate last spring when Neta Bahcall, a professor of astrophysics at Princeton, was inducted into the National Academy of Science. Her husband was already a member.

Orli Bahcall, whose GPA is a perfect 5.0, said she learned the value of academic achievement early in life.

"I remember running home one day from middle school to show my father my report card and ask if, like my best friend, I could get a present for every 'A' I had earned," she said. "My father just laughed and said that he had never asked me to get good grades.

I learned to be driven internally — to be driven by a desire to satisfy myself rather than to satisfy others. The rewards, and the motivation,



Orli Bahcall

is in the learning — not the stamp of approval."

Prof. Bahcall said of his daughter, "We are all very proud of her. As I always tell her, she is my favorite daughter — we have two sons and a daughter."

He said he had asked her if the story about her report card was apocryphal, since he had no memory of it, and was told that it was very real.

Although he did not remember this particular incident, Prof. Bahcall said that, since they were both professors, he and his wife tried not to put pressure on their daughter for academic achievement.

Ms. Bahcall also said that her mother was a role model for her. "Twenty years ago, there weren't many women in science, but that didn't stop her. Through determination and hard work, she kept pushing forward. I'm very proud of her, too."

—Myrna K. Bearse

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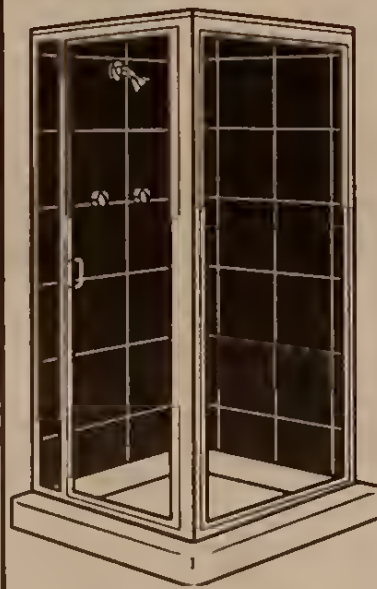
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**GROUNDBREAKING:** Present at the groundbreaking for a new park at the Weller Farm site, to be named in memory of the late Barbara Smoyer, were, from left, Stanley Smoyer; Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand; Township Engineer Bob Kiser; Recreation Director Jack Roberts; Borough Mayor Marvin Reed; Township Committeeman Steve Frakt; John Powell, executor; and Township Attorney Ed Schmierer. [See Page 18 for site plan of park.]

## After Long Debate, Ground Is Broken On Weller Tract

Ground was broken November 30, for a new park at the former Weller Farm site — bounded by Herrontown Road, Snowden Lane, and Caldwell Drive. A paved access drive will enter the park from Snowden.

The groundbreaking followed months of debate about development of the property, which the Township purchased for \$1.8 million, with assistance from a state Green Acres grant of \$375,000 and \$480,000 from the Borough. Olden Lane resident Stanley Smoyer contributed \$1 million for park construction, in memory of his wife, Barbara.

The late Barbara Smoyer, a former Township Committee member, was known for her support of recreational activities and open space initiatives. The park will be named for her.

For more than a year

nearby residents opposed Board decision, following a construction of a baseball field at the site, arguing that it would bring increased traffic into the area. They demanded that only soccer fields be included, while representatives of the Princeton Baseball Association and the Recreation Department emphasized the need for additional playing space for youth baseball.

According to Recreation Director Jack Roberts, park-ing will be centrally located, "bisecting the park." There will be a turn-around, drop-off area in the middle of the park; bike trails traversing the area are also proposed.

Some neighbors were against even the soccer fields, advocating a park for passive — rather than active — recreation. Lawsuits brought by the Northeast Residents Association and an individual neighbor were settled on the condition that neighborhood representatives be named to an advisory committee guiding the plans.

The Planning Board voted in April to include a baseball field in the park, based on plans drawn up by Lord Anderson Worrell and Barnett, a park planning and engineering firm in Burlington. The matter was referred to Township Committee.

November 9, Committee members upheld the Planning

At the groundbreaking ceremony, both Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand and Borough Mayor Marvin Reed thanked the Smoyer family for their service to the Township. Mayor Marchand called Mr. Smoyer's \$1 million gift, "a generous and permanent contribution which will enhance the quality of life for everyone."

Mayor Reed added, "We look forward to finding further opportunities where we might work with Princeton Township and private benefactors to acquire open space that can be developed for playing fields and other active uses."

It is anticipated that construction bids will be received in the early spring. In the meantime, the Lord Anderson firm is drawing up final plans for the park development.

—Anne Rivera



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**CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS:** Lewis School students performed songs for family, friends, alumni and guests during Friday's 25th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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### Woman Buys Rolex At Nassau St. Store With Stolen Card

A woman used a stolen credit card to buy a \$6,900 Rolex watch from a Nassau Street jewelry store between 11:18 a.m. and 2 p.m. December 7. The incident was reported on December 11.

Police described the suspect as: a white female in her 30s, approximately 5-foot-4, with blonde hair. The card was stolen in West Windsor Township.

Police say a University Store employee used a stolen credit card to make \$1,100 worth of unauthorized purchases at her worksite. Authorities did not release the suspect's name because investigation is pending. She is a 27-year-old Trenton

woman.

The card was stolen from a 20-year-old male student sometime between September 30 and October 30. The crime was reported on December 9.

A 26-year-old man from Elizabeth was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension after he gave a fake name and birth date to a Borough officer who pulled him over for operating a truck over four tons on Mercer Street the morning of December 11, police said.

Nelson Golchez was wanted on two motor vehicle warrants, one from Newark and the other from Rahway. Borough police later released him on \$1,374 bail for the warrants and on his own recognizance for the hindering apprehension charge. He is due in court January 11.

Township sergeant Judd Petrone pulled over 28-year-

old Carlos Perez on Mercer Road around 1:22 p.m. December 12. Petrone arrested the Lytle Street resident, who police say was intoxicated.

Prior to the arrest, a passing motorist stopped Petrone and told him a blue Toyota was being driven erratically. Perez, who was behind the wheel of that Toyota, was charged with DWI, careless driving, driving without a license and failure to wear a seat belt.

### Bike Thief Nabbed

Maynor Bolanos, age 18, of Witherspoon Street, was arrested at Borough police headquarters at 7 p.m. December 11 and charged with stealing a \$1,250 Klein bicycle from Hulfish Street the afternoon of December 6. The detective bureau conducted an investigation which

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**TIGERTONE SERENADE:** Hubert Byron, Princeton University class of '02, leads the Princeton Tigertones during the celebration following the 25th annual lighting of the Lewis School "Tree of Light." (Photo by Charles Phax)

### Topics of the Town

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incriminated the accused, according to reports.

The bicycle belonged to a 24-year-old Township man. Bolanos is scheduled to answer theft charges in court on January 11.

Four teenage boys from Montgomery, who police say were asking pedestrians to buy them alcohol, were arrested on Witherspoon Street at 10:05 p.m. December 9. All four were charged with juvenile delinquency and released.

An employee of a Nassau Street music store saw a 14-year-old Township boy take the security cover off a cassette tape around 5:26 p.m. December 8, police said.

The employee detained the boy, who was soon arrested. The accused was charged with juvenile delinquency and released to family.

Somebody used a sharp object to scratch the right side of a 1997 Acura while it was parked on Nassau Street between 6:30 p.m. December 7 and 6:30 a.m. the next morning. The same car was vandalized in a similar manner a few days earlier. It belongs to a 28-year-old Nassau Street woman.

A 29-year-old Princeton man returned to his office in Dillon Gym to discover that \$300 in cash, credit cards, and a \$2,400 check, all of which belonged to him, had been stolen from the unlocked premises. The theft occurred between 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. Police have no suspects.

A 51-year-old Township woman left her handbag unattended in a Hulfish Street store around 2 p.m. December 11. It was not there when she returned at 9 the next morning.

#### Lost and Found

While working a shift at a University café December 3, a 22-year-old co-ed left her purse behind the counter. When she got home she noticed her wallet was missing. She returned to work and found the wallet on the floor — minus \$80 cash. The theft was reported on December 8.

A 20-year-old male University student left his \$50 Nike sweatshirt unattended while studying at Firestone library late December 6. When he returned for his sweatshirt, he found it had been stolen.

Somebody opened a locked locker in Dillon gym and took \$120 cash that belonged to a

51-year-old Borough man. The theft occurred between 6:30 and 7:50 p.m. December 8. There were no signs of forced entry to the locker.

Two bicycles were reported stolen in the Township recently: a locked, \$350 Schwinn was taken from the Forbes College courtyard between 11:30 p.m. December 3 and 10:30 a.m. December 8, and a locked Raleigh, worth \$350, was stolen from in front of 1942 Hall between

noon December 8 and 2:30 p.m. December 12.

Four bikes disappeared in the Borough recently: on December 9, a \$100 mountain bike of unknown make was taken from Laughlin Hall and a \$100 Schwinn was stolen from Princeton High. On December 6, a \$300 Klein was nicked on Hulfish Street around 2:30 p.m.; and a \$300 Specialized was stolen on Prospect Avenue between 6:30 p.m. December 2 and 2 p.m. December 4.

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## Rec Department Wants \$147,500 For Pool Repair

Recreation Department Director Jack Roberts will seek authorization from the Borough and Township governments to spend \$147.5 thousand on repairs to the diving pool during the next fiscal year.

At a Recreation Board meeting on December 9, Mr. Roberts announced that his capital budget request to the municipalities, due by the end of the year, would include the diving pool expense.

"Two sections of the diving well fell out this summer, while people were swimming in the pool," he explained. "Without repairs soon, we could have a liability issue."

Mr. Roberts circulated a report from Rocky Hill engineer Larry Raffaelli, an expert in pool design and construction, who supervised repairs to the main pool several years ago.

Mr. Raffaelli recommended and disinfection systems, a number of repairs, with a price tag of nearly \$500,000, which the Recreation Board pared down to \$147.5 thousand.

Essential repairs which must be done immediately, according to Mr. Roberts, include replacing all the plaster (\$100,000); replacing built-in steps (\$6,000); replacing chlorine injection outlets (\$4,000); rebuilding the diving pool wall (\$15,000); and repairing the pool wall at the gutter level. A fee of \$7,500 will be paid to a consultant, who will oversee the work.

Mr. Raffaelli also noted that the present pool depth of 17 feet is not necessary and may even be dangerous, as not all lifeguards can dive 17 feet down to assist a diver in trouble. He recommended a decrease in the diving well depth — at a cost of \$50,000.

The board will defer that expense, along with a replacement of the filtration

and disinfection systems, which would cost \$150,000 and \$25,000 respectively.

### 40-Year Life

The average lifetime of a pool is 40 years, according to Mr. Raffaelli. Community Pool opened in 1979; with luck, it could last another 18 to 20 years, if the recommended repairs take place, he indicated.

"Theoretically, we could wait another couple of years then," suggested John Rassweiler.

"I would hate to wait even another year," Mr. Roberts responded. "We could not foresee a section of the wall falling out. We cannot do the repairs in-house; I wish I could predict these things, but I can't."

"If you throw an expense this large into the budget, you'll have to take something else out," suggested Borough board member David Goldfarb, adding that there was no figure for replastering in the pool's "Six-year Plan."

"That's not our six-year plan," said Mr. Roberts. "No, it's the Borough's six-year plan for the pool," Mr. Goldfarb rejoined.

Mr. Roberts explained that Township Financial Officer John Clawson was the department's "custodian of funds." He asked Mr. Goldfarb to forward a copy of the Borough's plan to him.

Mr. Roberts also recommended that the recreation board establish a "Friends of Community Pool" organization, similar to the Friends of the Princeton Public Library. Such an organization could raise extra funds for pool repairs, so the Recreation Department would not have to depend entirely on disbursements from the municipalities, he said.

"That way, in the year 2010, we can go to the governing body and say, 'Look, this is what needs doing; and this is the amount we have raised.'"

—Anne Rivera

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Multi-Grain Batard  
Sourdough Boule  
Black Olive Boule  
Sundried Tomato Boule

#### DINNER ROLLS:

Black Olive  
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Sundried Tomato  
White (Olive Oil Dough)  
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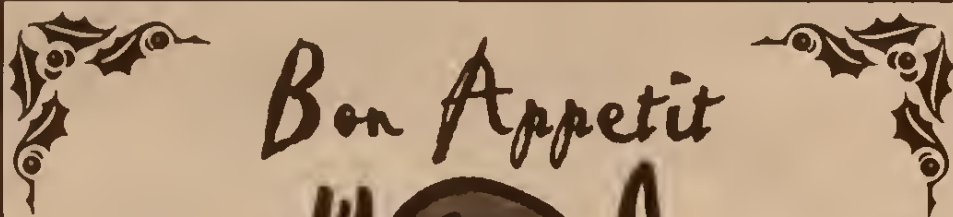
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## Ordinance Is Geared Towards Supplying More Trash Cans

It's not that Borough Council members spend time talking trash. It's just that in recent months there has been a fair amount of conversation about the subject.

As it awaited return of bids from haulers interested in picking up the Borough's trash in 1999, Council on December 8 again visited the issue of mandating additional trash receptacles in front of stores that offer takeout food.

An ordinance that has been on the books for many years — and which has been largely ignored by both food purveyors and the Borough — requires that establishments providing takeout food must set out a specific number of trash cans in front of their premises. The number of cans relates to the amount of takeout food sold.

Under this ordinance, WaWa, for example, would need to provide three cans, while Teresa's would need to buy only one.

Discussions on implementing this ordinance broke down almost instantly over the question of which style of garbage can to buy. So this year, Council finally decided to replace the unpopular ordinance with one that forgoes design issues and simply assesses each food establishment \$100 a year toward the purchase and maintenance of garbage cans.

Mayor Marvin Reed urged passage of the revised ordinance, saying that it provided a way to collect some money from providers of takeout food in order to purchase some trash cans. "It's not ideal, and it won't provide a can in front of each store, but at least we will get started and it will be relatively easy to manage," the Mayor said.

### "Ordinance Flawed"

In a memo in which he agreed that the proposed ordinance offered the benefit of simplifying the process, Borough Engineer Carl Peters nonetheless stated that it was flawed.

He said it did not provide enough funding to adequately maintain the required number of street cans; that it charged both small and large generators of waste the same amount; and that it didn't



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provide for additional emptying of cans.

"I share some of Carl's concerns," said Councilman David Goldfarb. "Enough to vote against it." He also said the ordinance would be redundant if the Borough were to move forward with establishing a Special Improvement District in the downtown. In such a district, property owners pay a special tax that is used only for improvements within the district.

It was finally agreed that the Public Works Committee should take another look at the ordinance and refer its suggestions back to Council in time for review in February.

### Assessment Question

Council also held a lengthy discussion on whether to assess home owners for a Borough project aimed at reducing the flooding in their homes and backyards.

The \$200,000 project, set to begin in the spring, will install drainage and piping in an area running north from Greenview Avenue and Humbert Street. It will attempt to deal with severe flooding caused by increased run-off from this area. A good portion of this run-off is coming from Princeton Cemetery, said Carl Peters, although some might be a result of weather patterns.

Mr. Freda spoke against assessing the property owners. "Only the municipality

can afford this kind of thing," he said. "There are certain things we're here to do, and this is one of them."

He was challenged by Mr. Goldfarb, who suggested that the assessment be viewed as if it were a sidewalk being installed. [This cost is usually shared equally between the Borough and the home owner.] Mr. Goldfarb said the project would provide direct monetary benefit to the home owner, who would be relieved of having to deal with flooding.

Councilman Bill Slover agreed with Mr. Goldfarb. Mr. Freda pointed out, however, that the flooding had increased a great deal over the last ten years, and that this has caused a decrease in value of the homes. "There is no windfall," he said.

"The cemetery is a major player, and they have offered to contribute nothing to the solution of the problem," said Councilman Roger Martindell. "We are asking each taxpayer to contribute \$60 to the solution."

"In that section of town there is a problem of run-off," said Mr. Freda. "We can ignore it or do something about it. The cemetery is not the only source. Suddenly there is a lot more water coming off the cemetery grounds, and we don't know why."

Mr. Peters said it would be very hard to figure out how to assess the project. "I suggest that where people have a drain placed on their property, they should be assessed," said Mr. Goldfarb.

Mr. Martindell continued to urge exporing whether there was a rational basis to make an assessment, and suggested that the Public Works committee look at the issue. This will be done by the committee before the subject comes back to Council in February.

"At issue is that some of these home owners have ponds in their backyards," said Mayor Reed. "The question is, is there a community responsibility to rescue them from these floods?"

Finally, Mayor Reed told Council that the delay in delivering some elements essential to finish the renovation of Borough Hall, including doors, made it necessary to move the target date for completion of the building from mid-December to February 1.

—Myrna K. Bearse



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## N.J. Supreme Court Puts Conditions On Motorist Checks

New Jersey police officers who have mobile data terminals (MDTs) in their cars can still use them, but the terminals will have to be reprogrammed soon, thanks to a ruling issued Thursday by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

The case that prompted the decision was argued by two Borough councilmen and one of its defendants hailed from Princeton. The decision, which upholds an earlier appellate court ruling, preserves the right of police officers to use MDTs to perform random checks on passing motorists, but limits the amount of information that can be obtained if no violations are discovered.

In an MDTs' current configuration, when a license plate number is entered, the terminal lists personal driver information as well as whether a car is registered properly, has been reported stolen, or whether or not its owner's license is valid.

According to the decision, the machines must be adjusted by June 1 so that only vehicular and license information will appear when a plate number is punched in. The decision also instructs the attorney general to issue guidelines to departments regarding the punishment of officers who abuse the MDT system.

Personal information will still be available, but must be displayed on a "second screen" that can only be accessed if the information displayed initially warrants further investigation, according to the decision.

Along with Eric Nelsser, acting dean of the law school at Rutgers in Newark, Borough councilmen Roger Martindell and William Slover argued against the MDTs on behalf of defendants Mario Donis of Princeton Borough and Hedi Gordon of Willingboro. Both defendants were stopped for driving with suspended licenses after random MDT checks. Neither had broken traffic laws to prompt the officers who stopped them to make the checks.

### Partial Victory

"I see it [the decision] as a case of 'good news, bad news,'" Slover said. "The good news is it places a limit on the personal information available to an officer about somebody who did nothing other than drive by in a car. On the other hand I'm disappointed there can be random use of a computer to check on motorists."

Mr. Martindell explained why the defense feared the random use of MDTs: "Because these checks may not in fact be random, but may be motivated by prejudice or illegal curiosity."

He worried that minorities, women and others might be targeted more often — a potential phenomenon he called "selective enforcement," which has been referred to as "profiling" in the media recently. He was also worried that law enforcement was left to "police itself," in cases of MDT abuse.

Nelsser — who appeared as a volunteer on behalf of the state chapter of the American

## Anti-Impeachment Rally Planned by Princeton Dems

The Princeton Community Democratic Organization (PCDO), in conjunction with the Democratic organization at Princeton University, scheduled an anti-impeachment rally to take place Tuesday night, December 15, after a vote by Borough Council supporting censure and opposing impeachment against President Clinton.

Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, former U.S. Attorney General, and Sean Wilentz, professor of history at Princeton University, were expected to speak at the rally, which was to begin at 8 p.m. on Firestone Plaza on the Princeton University campus and move to Tiger Park at Palmer Square.

Both Mr. Katzenbach and Mr. Wilentz testified for the White House before the House Judiciary Committee last week.

The Council resolution states that President Clinton's conduct deserves the condemnation of the American people and censure by the Congress of the United States, but does not constitute "high crimes and misdemeanors" or warrant the disruption of national and international affairs that adoption of articles of impeachment would entail.

The Resolution also invites governing bodies of other communities throughout the nation to join in this effort to stop impeachment.

Borough Mayor Marvin Reed was expected to leave the Council meeting after the vote on the Resolution in order to read its contents to those attending the rally.

Civil Liberties Union — said the decision was "a step forward. It's the first time any court in the country has limited when police can search government records about private citizens."

Charles Ouslander and Debra Owens appeared in court in support of the MDT system on behalf of the county prosecutor's office and state attorney general's office respectively. Neither were available for comment, but attorney general Peter Verniero released a written statement which said: "I will ... begin work on standards to be implemented for the improper use, if any, of the terminals. My office will consult with county prosecutors and police departments to develop and implement these standards."

Borough police chief Thomas Michaud saw the decision as an endorsement of the MDTs. When questioned about the "profiling issue" he said: "There are a lot of

things officers do that require public trust. They use their judgment every day, whether in performing breathalyzer tests taking radar readings, or using the MDTs. If we suspect that everything they do is motivated by hidden prejudice we abandon all trust in the police.

"In Princeton, we have particularly stiff criteria for officers in terms of character and abilities. In addition we train them in a variety of topics such as fairness, objectivity and sensitivity ... By and large they are not about to treat people unfairly."

Both defendants will have to pay whatever fines they incurred for driving while suspended. "Even civil libertarians such as myself don't view the fact that some people don't get caught as a defense," Mr. Slover said.

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### Boo's Beehive Cake

1 cup flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
dash salt  
2 sm eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
¼ cup hot milk  
1 tblsp butter



Sift flour, baking powder and salt together.

Beat eggs for 4½ minutes, then slowly add sugar and vanilla. Gradually stir in dry ingredients. Add hot milk which contains 1 tblsp butter, melted. Pour into greased 9-10 inch pan and bake at 350 degrees for 25-35 minutes.

#### TOPPING:

¼ cup butter 2 tblsp milk  
⅓ cup brown sugar ½ cup chopped pecans  
8-12 pecans, halved 8-12 maraschino cherries, halved

Cream together butter, milk and brown sugar; stir in chopped pecans. Spread over warm cake. Decorate top with cherries and pecan halves. Put under broiler for 2 minutes, until bubbly and lightly brown. Watch that the pecans don't burn. Topping becomes caramelized after cooling.

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Tom Shannon

### Tom Shannon Resigns His Post As Administrator

Tom Shannon, who served as Princeton Borough administrator since June 1992, has resigned from his position, the top administrative post in the Borough, effective January 8. Council was expected to vote on a resolution setting forth the terms of his separation at its meeting scheduled for Tuesday night, December 15.

Council was also expected to name Marlena Schmid, assistant Borough administrator, as acting administrator, and to discuss the search process to fill the administrator's position.

Under the terms of the separation agreement, Mr. Shannon will continue to serve the Borough on an "as needs basis" until June 1, 1999. He will also continue to be paid his current annual salary of \$98,500 until that date.

In his letter of resignation, dated December 10, Mr. Shannon said his work for the Borough had been richly rewarding, and thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to work with them.

"Tom did a lot of good things for the Borough," said Council President Mark Freda. "A lot of administrators seem to move around these days; the average time they stay is five to seven years."

Councilman Roger Martindell, chair of the Finance Committee, said it will be necessary to figure out what is needed to prepare the Borough's 1999 budget. "I expect there will be significant delays," he said. "This is not a year we will have an early budget."

It is not clear whether Mr. Shannon's resignation will affect plans to hold meetings on the joint Borough-Township capital budget. These meetings are tentatively scheduled for January.

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## Third Bank Robber Admits Involvement In Sovereign Heist

Sandy Casiano — one of three men who robbed Sovereign Bank on Nassau Street on November 6, 1997 — pled guilty to armed bank robbery, weapons and kidnapping charges in U.S. District Court in Newark, December 10.

The 27-year-old resident of Morrisville, Pa. will be sentenced on February 23 in Newark by federal Judge Nicholas H. Pollan. Casiano faces a maximum sentence of life in prison, though he is unlikely to get life.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Farkas said the bank robbery charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years and weapons charges will add five years to the robbery term. The kidnapping charge carries a minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum sentence of life. Under federal sentencing guidelines, Casiano's weapons and robbery sentences are supposed to run consecutively.

### Kidnapping

Casiano incurred the kidnapping charge when he carjacked 91-year-old Lucius Wilmerding at gun-point while trying to elude authorities. Wilmerding said he had not been called to testify and would rather not.

"I want to forget about it if I can," he said.

Farkas explained that there is no parole in the federal prison system; therefore Casiano will have to serve the



Sandy Casiano

Sentencing Next February

vast majority of whatever time he receives. He may, eventually, get a little time off for good behavior. The prosecutor declined to say whether Casiano's guilty plea would influence his sentencing request.

One of Casiano's partners, Harold Davila (a former Princeton High student and Sovereign employee), pled guilty in August and will also be sentenced in February.

Davila was not charged with kidnapping and faces a maximum of 25 years. The other participant, 20-year-old Angel Rivera of Trenton, was shot dead at the scene by Borough officers after he threatened to kill a teller he had taken hostage.

After his arrest several days after the crime, Davila cooperated with authorities. His lawyer, Jerome Ballorotto, claimed his client's cooperation helped law enforcement

personnel track down Casiano, who was at large for 12 days. Davila's testimony incriminated Casiano.

"I'm pleased it didn't go to trial because it could get very long, drawn out and expensive," Borough police chief Thomas Michaud said. "I thought the evidence was complete and convincing. Evidently he did as well since he decided to plead guilty."

After studying a floor plan drafted by Davila, who was fired from the bank after being arrested on drug charges, Rivera hid inside the bank until it closed, then let Casiano in. The two of them were spotted robbing the bank by a repairman who was working on the branch's ATM. The repairman called police, who killed Rivera but failed to catch Casiano, who fled the scene in a car driven by Davila.

### Fleeing the Scene

The fugitives split up after Davila crashed the getaway car. Casiano forced his way into Wilmerding's car and pushed the driver out when he refused to speed. Casiano eventually convinced three men to help him escape by promising them money.

Police say the men hired a taxi to take the robber to Princeton Junction and accompanied him on a train to northern New Jersey, where they received payment and bade him good-bye.

Two of Casiano's alleged accomplices — 23-year-old Harris Nadjem and 21-year-old Roy Douglas — have charges pending. Casiano was eventually arrested by FBI agents as he partied with four women in a New York City restaurant.

"We're almost at closure here," Chief Michaud said. "We still have a couple of the principals to deal with. But in terms of the principals, we're through."

—Albert Raboteau



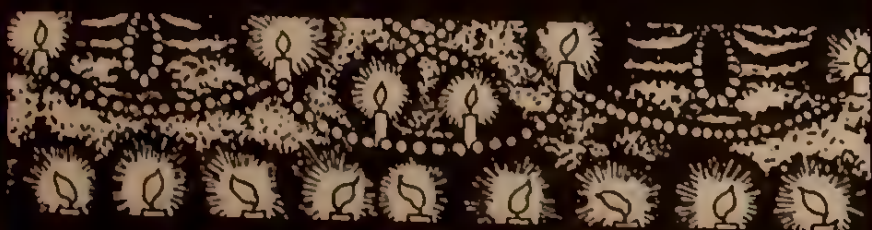
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### Junior School to Present Original Play, Dec. 17

The second, third, and fourth grades of Princeton Junior School will present an original play about the American Revolution, entitled *The Fight for Freedom*, on Thursday, December 17, at 1:30 and 7 p.m.

The work, completely written by the students, will focus on the decisive battles of Trenton and Princeton, and Washington's historic crossing of the Delaware. The public is invited; there is no charge.

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### Hospital Reports Births To Seven Area Residents

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported births to seven area residents during the week ending December

10.

Daughters were born to Princeton residents Keith and Alicia Greenaway, December 5; and to Neil and Sherry Ahearn, on December 9. A daughter was also born to Lo Yu-Tien and Lili Wu, Belle Mead, on December 10.

Sons were born to Princeton residents Jan and Anne Egberts, December 7; Jian Xu and Min Xiao Chen, December 8; and Richard Ahearn and Trish Ryan, December 9. A son was also born to Frits and Cynthia Besselaar, Hopewell, December 9.

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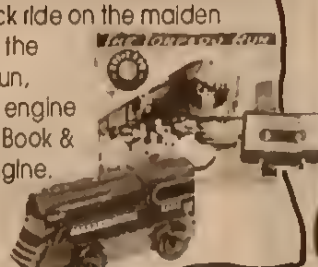
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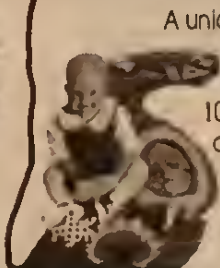
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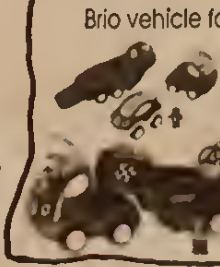


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### Cherry Valley Road Realignment Planned

Township Committee members resolved at their meeting on December 14, to purchase a sliver of land located on the Arcaro tract side of Cherry Valley Road, at Jefferson's Curve, a half mile west of Griggs Farm.

The owner of the 342.82-foot-long sliver is unknown; and as long as the land separates the tract from the road, Cherry Valley cannot be realigned to eliminate the curve, as prescribed in the Master Plan.

Pulte Homes Corp., which has applied to the Planning Board to build 109 residential units on the tract, has refused to share the cost of realignment, arguing that the sliver of land is not part of its property.

Once a court decision on ownership is reached, the Township can acquire the land. It can then require a fair share contribution for improvements from Pulte — estimated at \$61,707.

Montgomery Township has also budgeted funds for the realignment, which is included in its own master plan.



# Engagements & Weddings

## Weddings

**Ross-Combs.** Jacqueline R. Combs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Combs, Auburn, N.H., to Dennis B. Ross Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitehouse, Ringoes, and Dennis B. Ross, New Canaan, Conn.; at the Governor's Inn, Rochester, N.H., Justice of the Peace William Beane officiating.

The bride is a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N.H., and the University of New Hampshire, Durham. She is employed as a controller by International Music Network.

Mr. Ross, who lived in Princeton as a child, graduated from Blue Ridge School, Charlottesville, Va., and the University of New England, Biddeford, Me. He owns the Building and Property Services Co., New Canaan, Conn.

The couple lives in New Canaan.



Jacqueline R. Combs and Dennis B. Ross, Jr.

**Dubrovsky-Waugh.** Alice Collier Waugh, daughter of Nancy Collier Waugh, Oxford, England, and John Waugh, Lincoln, Mass., to Benjamin Dubrovsky, son of

Gertrude Dubrovsky, Hawthorne Avenue, and Jack Dubrovsky, Rumson; July 26, in Essex, Mass., Rabbi Moshe Waldoks officiating.

The bride holds degrees from Bowdoin College,

Brunswick, Me., and the University of California, Berkeley. She is the editor of TechTalk, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) faculty/staff newspaper.

Mr. Dubrovsky, a graduate of Princeton Day School, holds degrees from Tufts University, Medford, Mass., and Harvard University. He is a principal in Ready>About Interactive, a multi-media design and production firm in Boston.

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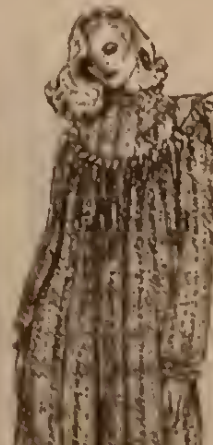


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**REDEDICATED:** St. Paul School Junior Girl Scout Troop 1403 recently celebrated its rededication ceremony. Pictured at the ceremony are (seated) Elizabeth Parolski, Sharon Raya, Molly Chmelich, Allison Hansard, Kristyn Rosetty, (standing) Brynne Mickey, Laura Smith, Gabriela Feibel, Kira Provenzano, Margaret Henry, Shannon Krall, Mary Stinson, Amanda Capaci, St. Paul principal MaryAnne Wetzel (left) and troop leader Colleen Grubbe (center).

### Student Falls Off Roof While Fleeing Police

A Princeton University senior was hospitalized Thursday night, after he fell off a 20-foot high roof-ledge while fleeing Borough police, who had been called to Triumph Brewery to deal with an altercation between the student and a brewery employee who refused to serve him, authorities said.

Jason Given, age 23, of Spelman Hall, was knocked unconscious in the fall. He was transported to the Helene Fuld Medical Center by the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad and later released.

Given got into a dispute during a party for Princeton seniors at the Nassau Street brew-pub and apparently threatened an employee, who called police, University spokesperson Justin Harmon said.

When police arrived, Given fled across Nassau Street and onto a portion of Firestone Library's roof, Harmon said. While running away, he fell off the roof. Though the incident is still being investigated, no charges have yet been brought against the senior, Borough police captain Peter Hanley said Tuesday afternoon.

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### Christmas Eve Carolers Invited to Palmer Square

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Caroling, sponsored by the Arts Council of Princeton, will take place Thursday, December 24 at 5:15.

Carolers are encouraged to bring bells, candles, lanterns

or flashlights to the Arts Council at 102 Witherspoon Street and join the procession led by Town Crier Rip Pelaton and Mayor Marvin Reed.

Singer Caroline Moseley will lead the singing. Song sheets will be available. The Blawenburg Brass Band will join the carolers at Palmer Square. Santa promises to appear if the singing is lively and loud enough. All are invited. For more information, call the Arts Council at 924-8777.

### Crawford House to Gain From a Holiday Concert

The Deer Ridge Singers will present a holiday chorale concert to benefit Crawford House on December 18 at the Harlingen Reformed Church, Route 206. The concert will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the door.

The Deer Ridge Singers, under the direction of Daren McCann, is a chamber chorale with a repertoire that ranges from Renaissance motets to hymn-tune arrangements. It was founded in 1985.

Crawford House, located in Skillman, is the area's only private, nonprofit residential treatment program for women recovering from alcoholism and drug dependence.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLERS:** Arts Council carolers, from left, Ian Theodoridis, Nicholas Cosaboom, Jessica Durrie, Caroline Moseley, and Emma Cosaboom.



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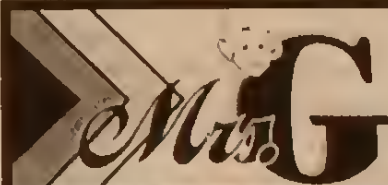
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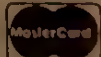
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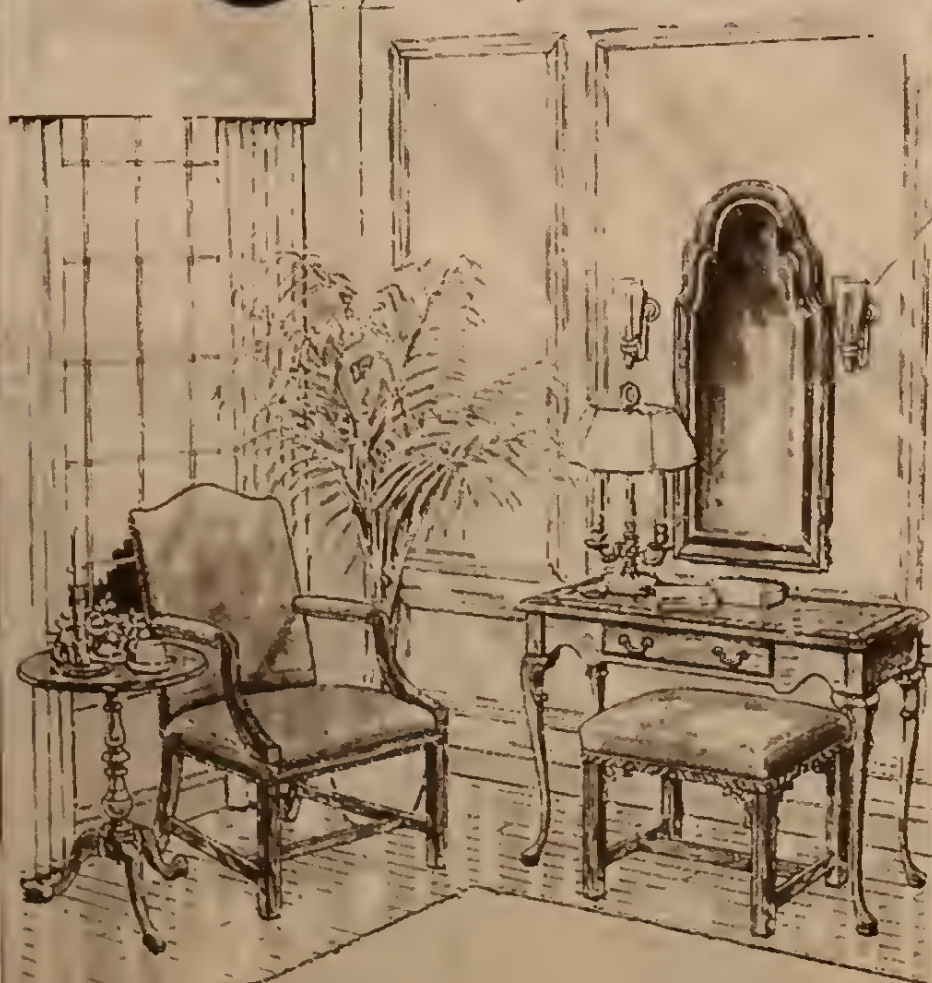
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## PEOPLE

In honor of his contributions to the field of plasma physics, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL) scientist **George "Hutch" Neilson** was recently named a Fellow by the American Physical Society (APS).

Neilson, a Principal Research Physicist, received the lifetime appointment from the APS's Division of Plasma Physics during the November APS meeting held this year in New Orleans. The APS rules limit the maximum number of Fellows selected each year to be no more than half of one percent of the Division membership.

Neilson, Project Manager for the National Compact Stellarator Experiment, was cited "for his pioneering work in the exploitation of magnetic equilibrium diagnostics and for his leadership in the physics design of fusion experiments."

Neilson received bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1973 and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1979.

As an Oak Ridge National Laboratory employee, he was a visiting full-time participant in PPPL's programs, and joined PPPL's staff in 1996.

Two Princeton residents employed by the local firm of Kehrt Shatken Sharon Architects, have been promoted within the company.

Princeton resident **Pamela Lucas Rew** has been promoted to senior design associate. She joined the firm in 1990; and she is currently working on an addition and renovation to Princeton University Press and an addition to the Somerset Hills YMCA in Basking Ridge. She was a member of the team that won the Institute for Advanced Study Bloomberg Hall competition.

Ms. Rew. holds a master's



**George Neilson**

degree in architecture from the University of Virginia. She graduated from Hobart/William Smith College, Geneva, N.Y., with honors in fine arts.

**Andrew Tucker**, Quarry Street, has been promoted to associate. Mr. Tucker joined the firm in 1994. He holds a B.S. degree in design from Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz., and a master's degree in architecture from Syracuse University.

He is currently working on the multipurpose recreation facility at Richard Stockton College; student housing at the college; and on a private residence in Bucks County, Pa.

Both Ms. Rew. and Mr. Tucker were members of the Rider University Memorial Hall renovation team, which recently won a New Jersey AIA award of merit.

A new pictorial history book in the Images of America series, focusing on Rocky Hill, Kingston, and Griggstown, has just been published. Author **Jeanette K. Muser**, a Rocky Hill resident, has lived in the Princeton area for more than 34 years.

A retired high school librarian and history teacher, she now volunteers as a curator of the archives/museum of the Rocky Hill Community Group. She is a docent at the Rockingham Historic Site and serves on the Rocky Hill Planning Board.

A member of the Princeton Area League of Women Voters, Ms. Muser began writing about local history in 1996. She writes a monthly column for the Montgomery News

Ms. Muser has gathered nearly 200 images for her book, including engravings, drawings, photographs and replicas of old maps. Beginning as far back as 1679, she has documented the images with a detailed historical narrative. From the colonial period through the mid-1960's, the book gives the reader a glimpse of localized New Jersey history.

The softcover book is available through the Rocky Hill Community Group, the Griggstown Historical Society, the Kingston Historical Society, and at area bookstores. It sells for \$18.99.



**Elizabeth Bohnett**

Stuart Country Day School student **Elizabeth Bohnett**, Princeton Junction, has been named a semifinalist in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship competition. She scored at or above the qualifying score on the 1998 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and has the opportunity to advance to the finalist level.

Princeton resident **Roy Lynam**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lynam and a 1998 graduate of Westminster School, participated in the First-Year Seminar program at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.

Mr. Lynam was one of 16 students enrolled in the seminar, "Conflict and Consensus: American National Government from the Inside: The Congress: The First Branch."

Army Pvt. **John E. Thorpe**, son of Mignon Thorpe, Red Oak Row, has entered basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Pvt. Thorpe is a 1998 graduate of Princeton High School.



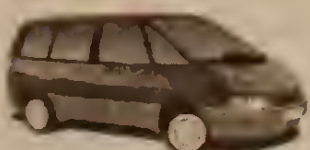
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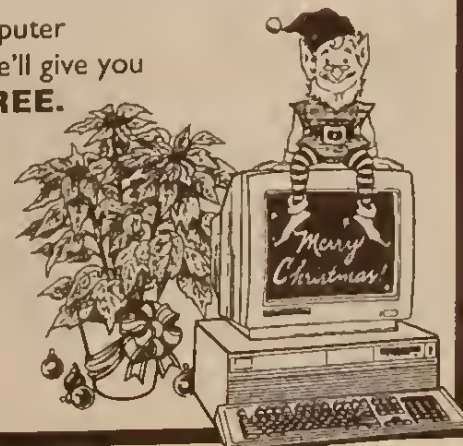
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**INDOOR BATTING:** A preliminary sketch of the 2,500-square-foot structure, proposed by the Princeton Youth Baseball Association for Grover Park. The Recreation Department has not approved any changes in the park. Instead, it is investigating the use of additional locations for Little League baseball play and practice.

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### Grover Park

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Lighting Grover Park would make it possible for more teams to use the fields, as some could then play after dark, he pointed out; and an indoor batting facility, usable in all kinds of weather, would also enhance practice space.

"We are not asking for one cent from the recreation department," Mr. Finkelstein promised. "We would raise the funds ourselves." The proposed indoor batting facility would only rise to a height of 23 feet, he continued, and would cover 2,400 square feet. "The structure would be unobtrusive," he added, "and we would be responsible for all the maintenance."

#### Volunteer Coaches

Little League coaches are all volunteers, Mr. Finkelstein further noted. Many of them commute to work in New York or Philadelphia and are not available in the early evening.

"Lights would enable this volunteer organization to recruit more volunteers who could arrive later," he said. He added that the baseball association would be amenable to turning off all lights by 10 p.m.

Board members expressed some reservations to the proposal. Recreation Director Jack Roberts declared that "desperate need" may not

justify the changes proposed for Grover Park, although he appreciated the advocacy of the baseball associations. "Let's at least build the Smoyer Park field first," he suggested. [See story on Smoyer Park.]

"The Smoyer Park field will be a 90-foot field," Mr. Finkelstein said. "It won't help the little guys."

Board member Susan Hahn reminded the board that in 1989, the Recreation Department had promised neighbors the fields at Grover Park would never be lighted.

"The McCaffrey's parking lot (between Harrison Street and the park) is lit all night long," interjected Mr. Finkelstein.

"I feel strongly about honoring our commitment not to install lights," said Board Chair Sally Ann Fields. She proposed that the board form a subcommittee to investigate the use of other area fields for baseball.

Mr. Roberts suggested that, in any event, changes to Grover Park would not solve an overall problem: lack of facilities for youth recreation. "We may have to return to the idea of a Princeton-only softball league," he said. Restricting membership in the league would obviously reduce the number of teams, making fields more readily available.

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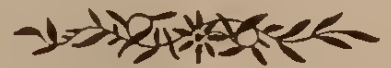
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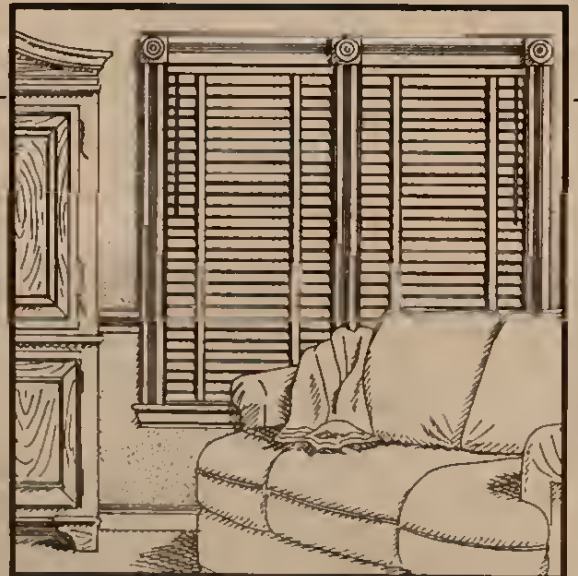
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Montgomery	13,000	17	15	24.615
South Brunswick	31,000	30	23	17.097
West Windsor	20,000	22	27	24.500

**UNFAVORABLE COMPARISON:** Claims by young people in Princeton that the Township and Borough maintain few recreational facilities for them are borne out by this table, prepared by the Recreation Department on August 1, 1997. The table shows results of the department's survey of recreational soccer, softball, and baseball fields available to residents of neighboring municipalities.

**Grover Park**  
Continued from Preceding Page

Ted Ernst, assistant recreation director, noted that the additional fields wouldn't be Little League fields. "They need to have back stops and diamond shapes," he stressed.

"If we form a special committee for baseball, we must realize that not everyone in Princeton plays baseball,"

**"We must realize that not everyone in Princeton plays baseball."**

observed John Rassweiler, a member of the department management committee. "The town has failed to make available adequate resources for its youth; if we address baseball needs, we should also ask other constituencies to make a presentation."

"Grover Park is for baseball. The baseball people have come forward with a request," Ms. Fields declared. "They would use their own

funds; I think the committee could look at baseball needs."

Mr. Roberts noted that if the committee were to address the needs of soccer players — who now play in Community Park — it might "free up" Little League fields in Community Park.

If the subcommittee cannot find any additional locations for Little League play besides Grover Park, he continued, the question of lighting the Grover Park fields can be re-examined. He added he would seek a full needs assessment from the baseball associations.

Board member Miles Dumont, noting that an inventory of the region's playing fields is critical, moved that a subcommittee be formed to investigate options and to recommend action to the board at its January meeting.

The committee will look at all possible locations for baseball, a process which could result in eliminating regional league play and reserving area fields for Princeton residents only.

—Anne Rivera

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**DIVINE DISPLAY:** Merrick's holiday decorations were cited as the Borough's best by the Borough Merchants for Princeton.

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## Clubs & Organizations

The **Princeton Singles, Soroptimist International of Princeton**, is of age, will have breakfast at seeking applicants for its the Broad Street Bakery & annual Youth Citizenship Dell, 101 Broad Street, Award (YCA) and Women's Hopewell, on January 8, at 9. Opportunity Award (WOA).

There is no cost except the cost of the meal. For reservations, or additional information, call 883-9407.

The Youth Citizenship Award is a merit award given to a high school senior, evaluated on the basis of service, dependability, leadership, and

sense of purpose.

The Princeton winner will be entered in the Soroptimist North Atlantic Regional Competition for further cash awards.

The Women's Opportunity Award is designed to encourage a mature woman to pursue an undergraduate degree or vocational training, in line with the Soroptimist objective of "Women Helping Women." The application deadline for both awards is January 1, 1999. Inquiries should be directed to Joann, fax number 737-7032.

For more information about the Princeton Club, call Lorraine, at 586-8187, after 6.

Individuals looking for ways to deepen their experience of the sacred or simply to remove some stress are invited to try Saturday night kirtan chanting at the **Princeton Center for Yoga & Health (PCYH)**, 113 Commons Way, on Saturday, December 19, from 8 to 10.

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Until recently, kirtan chanting was one of the best-kept secrets of the Indian yogic tradition. It is now out of the closet and has even been incorporated into music videos and albums by recording artists like Madonna and Sting.

Chanting is held the third Saturday of each month at

PCYH and features artist-in-residence Suzin Green. Also participating are PCYH resident musicians Denise Amrich, percussion; Dan Johnson, tabla; and Stephen Witte, didgeridoo and tamboura. Beginners are welcome.

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### Support Sources

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Afton Hassett, doctoral candidate in clinical psychology will discuss the "Latest Research on Drugs and Treatments."

Family and friends are welcome. For more information, call RWJUH at Hamilton Hospital, at 584-6450.

A breast cancer support meeting, sponsored by the **American Cancer Society**, will be held at the Princeton Breast Institute, 842 State Road, on Monday, December 21, at 12:30.

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## MAILBOX

### Princeton's Deer Are Innocent Victims Of Politically-Motivated Mass Hysteria

To the Editor of Town Topics:

Congratulations to state Attorney General, Peter Verniero, for preventing the Princeton Township Committee from hiring the White Buffalo organization to conduct its clandestine hunt in our community. His decision provides us with a valuable civics lesson. When local politicians become obsessed beyond reason with a ridiculous cause and are willing to take desperate measures to achieve their goals, effective state laws are needed to stop them from getting totally out of control. This is a compliment to the New Jersey state legislators who write sensible laws that truly do serve to protect us.

What kind of example do certain Township Committee members serve for the rest of us when they so blatantly and knowingly act against the law? Instead of wasting their time on such outlandish ventures as the White Buffalo project, when will this Committee start to buckle down in order to tackle the real problems that so negatively impact our lives?

Since I moved to Princeton Township in 1990, the municipal portion of my taxes has increased by a whopping 46 percent in comparison to Mercer County's 7 percent increase during the same period. When will Phyllis Marchand and Roz Denard begin to reverse this trend, as they must, so that some homeowners are not forced to sell their houses? When will they begin to control the intolerable truck traffic on Route 206?

When will they provide municipal trash service as do most other communities in the area? When will they stand up to the Borough by providing Township residents with an accessible public library in return for our substantial funding of that facility? When will they abandon their lavish plans for the Taj Mahal of municipal buildings? I, for one, don't need a multi-million dollar palace in which to pay my taxes every quarter, thank you.

In a recent New York Times article, Ms. Marchand is quoted as comparing Princeton's deer to Alfred Hitchcock's birds. In return, I suggest her viewing Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People*. No other work so effectively portrays the level of mass hysteria that has once again gripped my community. In the play, it was the mayor of the town who initiated a campaign of terror against an innocent person for the sake of his own political ends. In the real Princeton Township of 1998, however, the innocent victim happens to have four legs instead of two.

FRANK WIENER  
Loomis Court

### Traffic Cameras Needed to Reduce Speeding on Western Section Roads

To the Editor of Town Topics:

Recently the concerns regarding traffic in and around the western section which includes some of the magnificent homes in the Borough of Princeton have been vocalized. It has been suggested that certain alterations in the road surfaces would slow speeders to the 25 mph, that lowering the speed limit even lower would eliminate all the traffic problems.

I do not know how much rougher a road could be than for instance Hodge Road. There are dips, bumps, raised man-hole covers. The center stripe is barely visible and non-existent in spots. There are in the fall huge piles of leaves everywhere. Does that discourage the speeder and traffic offender? Not in the least bit.

My observation is that very few motorists obey the speed limit anywhere in the Township and Borough. The residents of the Western section are not alone. Their problem in regard to too much traffic is not unique. I live off the Great Road and it has been turned into a speed way. Unless there is constant enforcement of the limits the traffic anywhere in our community will get worse, not better. When offenders will feel their disregard for the speed limit and other offenses in their wallets, only then will there be relief.

It has been successfully demonstrated that traffic cameras will do the constant vigilance that cannot be performed by a traffic policeman. Cameras do not lie, there is no longer a need for a traffic court, the municipality will "swim" in money. It will take progressive thinking in the respected town government. What we have now does not work.

INGRID ROBERTSHAW  
Heather Lane

### YWCA Aquatics Program Team Is Warm, Helpful and Patient

To the Editor of Town Topics:

There is a group of women in Princeton who is known to and who is appreciated by a number of people; but I would like them to receive as widespread recognition as possible. Hence this letter which is written as a public thank-you to the women who are part of the YWCA Aquatics program.

Whether they are working with "elders" (like me), disabled people, youngsters, toddlers (like my granddaughter), or babies; they are — to a woman — unfailingly cheerful, warm, helpful, and patient.

There are too many of them to name individually, but my heartfelt thanks go to Marianne Jasien, Aquatics Director; Barbara Griggs, her assistant; and their crew of wonderful women!

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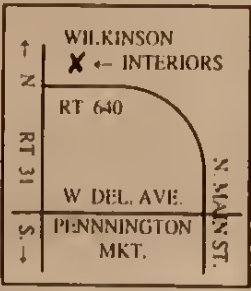
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## Fish and Game Councilmen Displayed Macho Blood Lust and Sexist Manners

To the Editor of Town Topics:

As a white, middle-class, American male, I was both outraged and embarrassed by the good-old-boy behavior I experienced over the course of four hours on December 3, at the monthly meeting of the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife Council.

The council's harassment and defamation of a New Jersey woman who tried to speak during the public comment period was the icing on the cake of a meeting so staged and inarticulate at the same time as to insult a primitive brain.

The council's main premise is clear: to "control" wildlife populations to the liking of two powerful minorities, hunters and farmers. Beyond this vision, the councilmen seemed incapable of functioning at the December meeting, and their macho blood lust spilled out and betrayed them as the sexists that they are. I witnessed several things that I believe would disturb many New Jersey residents. Certainly our more than 6,500 active New Jersey members, and our more than 200,000 worldwide, will be disgusted.

Most recently in New Jersey we have taken special concern in the speedily-proposed extermination of Princeton's deer, hiring legal counsel to challenge the misguided plan. Now we are disturbed by the practices of the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife at large.

Ms. Barbara Sachau, a Morris County health care professional, took the day off from work to attend the December meeting and comment on the Princeton deer kill. I had never met or heard of Ms. Sachau before, but she has fast become a hero of mine. She deserves an award for standing through the appalling treatment and screaming that was bestowed her by the council.

Councilman George P. Howard and President Charles Suk, appointed by Governor Whitman, behaved more like over-rehearsed street thugs than grown men playing a role in managing millions of dollars in State money and land. They also acted like creatures bent on eradicating wildlife without any public input.

Only slightly more boorish was Fish, Game & Wildlife Director Robert McDowell, who, in between snapping at Ms. Sachau himself, waltzed 15 paces away from his gavel and virtually turned the out-of-control meeting over to Mr. Suk. Mr. McDowell began chatting with a representative of the State Attorney General's office, while several other councilmen went to the kitchen for a second lunch of cold cuts.

When I was recognized to speak and I took my time to scold the council for their treatment of Ms. Sachau, not a word was uttered by anyone else. Everyone returned to his seat, and the munching of ham sandwiches ceased temporarily. I am a man, therefore I apparently deserved their attention and silence.

To the residents of New Jersey I say this: you can make a difference. Attend the monthly meetings of the Fish & Game Council. Tentative dates are: January 12, in New Brunswick; February 13, in Oxford; and in Robbinsville on March 9, April 13, May 11, June 1, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and next December 14. Currently, Ms. Sachau is the only New Jersey resident, of 7 million, who regularly attends these meetings. Please, do not leave it for Mr. Suk and his cohorts to believe she's the only one who cares about the animals.

CHADWICK BOVÉE  
Outreach Coordinator, Friends of Animals

## New President Has Revised and Improved Princeton Little League Baseball Program

To the Editor of Town Topics:

Our sincere thanks go out to Jim Mahon Jr. for the incredibly successful conclusion of the 1998 Princeton Little League Baseball Campaign. This past Sunday night was the highlight of the season as all of our youngsters received their well-deserved trophies and awards. Four hundred ten Princeton parents and Little Leaguers attended the event held at the Marriott Forestal Village. The number of attendees increased significantly from the 279 who attended last year's Banquet.

The introduction of the concession stands, grass infields, score boards, outdoor batting cage at Grover Park and the introduction of the Fall Baseball program are just a few of the improvements Jim and his volunteers accomplished this year. The Fall program was a big hit with our Little League participants and the weather as you know this past Fall was perfect. Our Fall Baseball program has caught the eye of some local area powerhouses (Hamilton, Chambersburg, and Ewing) as they were astonished to hear we had some 170 players in participation versus 30 on average at the other programs.

As the President of the Little League Baseball Association, Jim Mahon has worked to provide the youth of our Princeton community with a completely revised program, administration and baseball field facility improvements. He would tell you that there is much more that both should and could be done for the children of our community. We are truly appreciative for all that he and his administration have accomplished in their short tenure.

In this time of Thanksgiving we really want to express to Jim and all the League volunteers Thanks for Giving your effort, attention and most of all your time to the children of our community.

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**MARCH OF DIMES:** Robyn D'Oria, right, a perinatal clinical nurse specialist at the Medical Center at Princeton, chaired a statewide conference, November 6, at The Forrestal, for 200 health professionals from the maternal child health field. Merry K. Moos, left, University of North Carolina Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, was a keynote speaker at the conference sponsored by the March of Dimes. Ms. D'Oria, is volunteer chairperson of the March of Dimes Community Health Education Committee.

### What Nerve for Medical Center to Ask "Friends and Neighbors" for Donations

To the Editor of Town Topics:

I just received a fund-raising letter from a friend of mine who is a Trustee of the Medical Center at Princeton Foundation asking for a contribution toward its \$2 million goal. It addressed me as, "Dear Friend and Neighbor," and I thought to myself, "What incredible nerve!" Here the hospital has been defying the law by illegally using residences on Harris Road as offices, violating the rights of their neighbors and then the Trustees call us "friends and neighbors."

At the very time that the Zoning Board turned it down for a variance to continue the illegal use of the houses on Harris Road as offices, the Medical Center is asking me to make a charitable donation so that it can use the money in its continuing attempt to destroy a Princeton neighborhood in the hospital's back yard. The ultimate irony of this appeal letter is that it originated in one of the very houses that the Medical Center is using as the Foundation's offices in violation of the law. Another of the houses is being used for Public Relations, of all things.

Their attorney, our long time Princeton friend and neighbor, Chris Tarr, publicly insults the neighbors of the hospital at the hearings while visions of dollar signs dance in his head as he threatens to appeal the municipalities' denial to the State and U.S. Supreme Courts. The Medical Center wants to use my charitable donation to pay his legal fees to waste taxpayers' money fighting the case through the courts! How much has the Medical Center, in fact, already spent on legal fees for this fight to be above the law (shades of President Clinton)? Where has the Medical Center obtained the money to pay these legal fees, anyway — the revenues from the volunteer-run Hospital Fete?

The Trustees should tell Chairman Edward Farley and President Dennis Doody to stop ruining a moderate-cost residential neighborhood. It is not at all reassuring that Mr. Doody said at the Zoning Board hearing that the Medical Center's own "strategic plan" for the future does not at the moment include additional non-residential uses of the houses. And why is it important to him that the Medical Center "control that backyard for the future of the hospital"? Those houses are zoned by the two municipalities as residential and that is what controls their use. He apparently does not understand that laws are meant to be obeyed.

The amazing thing is that the solution to the hospital's need for office space on campus is staring it in the face in the office buildings it owns right across from its main entrance. It could move more administrative departments from Harris Road to that location where they already have Accounting, Business Services, and Management Information Services. Being really creative, the Medical Center could sell the 12 houses it owns on Harris Road, and use the \$2 million proceeds to pay for the emergency room expansion and renovation. Alternatively, it could use the money to fill in the two open areas between the three present office buildings simply by putting roofs and end walls on them to create more space right on campus.

As long as the trustees of the hospital and the foundation allow the Medical Center to continue to act like a predatory developer, I certainly am not going to give my charitable donations to support them. I strongly urge my friends and neighbors — and everyone else in Princeton — not to give to the Medical Center's appeal either. Its letter says it is for the emergency room, but the money we donate for that purpose releases funds for the Medical Center's legal expenses to fight to destroy a residential neighborhood.

Instead, I am going to give my donation to the "People for the Preservation of a Residential Princeton," at 213 Moore Street, Princeton NJ 08540. PPRP is the group of neighbors — but not friends — of the hospital who have had to spend a lot of their own money to uphold the law the Medical Center is violating. Go thou and do likewise.

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## ART

### Calendar Features Paintings by Spirin

The Firebird Gallery, 15 Witherspoon Street, has announced the publication of the 1999 Firebird Calendar, featuring the work of Russian artist Gennady Spirin.

The calendar contains 14 reproductions, 12" x 16", of Mr. Spirin's favorite paintings, selected by the artist himself from children's storybooks he has illustrated during the last few years.

The calendar sells for \$39 for a single calendar, and the cost per calendar decreases if more are purchased. For example, the price goes down to \$25, if four are purchased at one time.

Scenes and quotations from such stories as *The Nutcracker*, *The Frog Princess*, Gogol's *Dead Souls*, *The Christmas Story According to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke*, *The Crone Wife*, and *The Sea King's Daughter* are all included.

Mr. Spirin will autograph calendars at the Firebird Gallery, from 1 to 2:30 Sunday, December 20. For more information, or to place an order, call 688-0775.

**1946:** The bikini is banned in Biarritz, Bing Crosby sings "Blue Skies," and TOWN TOPICS begins publication.



**EARLY AMERICAN: "Sawmill at West Boxford" (1874) by Charles Herbert Moore** is one of the "Early American Drawings from the Permanent Collection" now on view at the Princeton University Art Museum. The exhibition, which also includes works by Thomas Cole, John Singleton Copley, Jasper Francis Cropsey, and Benjamin West, will run through January 10. For more information, call 258-3788.

### Exhibits

An exhibition of more than 50 paintings by Tom Quigley, an upper school English teacher and senior class dean at Princeton Day School, opened recently at the school's **Ann Reid Gallery**.

The paintings, which will remain in the gallery until Sunday, December 21, range from whimsical and colorful gouache watercolors of cityscapes, flowers, and plants, to smaller acrylic-on-canvas paintings of holiday scenes. The artist's work also includes impressionistic por-

traits and large, acrylic works — up to five feet — which combine words and poetry with abstract painting.

Mr. Quigley started painting 15 years ago, after taking a 20th-century art course as a senior at Bucknell University. He studied creative writing at Brown University graduate school, but continued painting on the side.

"Over the past few years, I've been selling my work to relatives and friends," Mr. Quigley says, "but mostly, I've been trying to hone my

vision. I've learned to work with my strengths and limited skills and let the paintings often create themselves ... Often the painting I see in my mind changes in the process of bringing color to canvas. In any event, the hardest thing is to know when a painting is done."

The gallery is open from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday, and by appointment.

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**NAIVE PAINTER:** Among the works of art on exhibit at the Marsha Child Contemporary Gallery, 220 Alexander Street, is "The Christmas Family," above, by French naive painter Maurice Fanciello. The gallery is donating 10 percent of its proceeds to area charities during the month of December. For information, call 497-7330.



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The stores still have a great selection. Whether it's fashion, fine furniture, jewelry, luxurious linens, or gourmet delicacies, you can find everything right here.

Catch the Yuletide spirit — eight more days!

### HOLIDAY Shopping Guide

To give your house a brand new look or just spruce up around the edges, **Nassau Interiors** is the place to go. This special home furnishings store on Nassau Street has been a favorite of shoppers for more than half a century, and it offers a wonderful selection of fine quality furniture, accessories, and gift items.

Long known for its lamp collection, Nassau Interiors has exceptional choices from miniature accent lamps to chandeliers, many priced under \$200. Lenox-style table lamps are available in four colors for \$140.

There is also a tremendous selection of shades. New this year are beautiful cotton string shades from China in all sizes, from \$45. Also available are hand-pleated shades with attractive colored linings, creating a lovely soft glow.

The new assortment of handsome reproduction English period furniture from Vietnam, the Philippines, and India includes walnut dining tables, sideboards, chests with brass hardware, and occasional pieces. There is a range of entertainment units in different styles, and a very nice selection of country French occasional furniture.

A handsome Maitland-Smith writing desk features hand-tooled leather top and solid brass swag hardware, and the Princeton man — or woman — will certainly want the dramatic empire occasional chair in brocade black damask, accented with a plethora of tigers.

And speaking of chairs, how about the occasional chair with silver and gold finish, caned seat and moire seat pad? Perfect for the lady's boudoir.

Nassau Interiors also has a wonderful selection of mirrors in all sizes, styles and prices. It is an excellent resource for bookends, available in marble, wood, and brass in a variety of designs.

Decorative pillows in gorgeous fabrics and designs, including imported silk from Italy, are a specialty, and the new large decorative wreaths with beautiful gold lame ornaments are spectacular. Available in similar styles are lighted trees, some on gold filigree stands.

Greenery is on display with Forever Green topiary trees, from small 12-inch sizes at \$30 up to impressive six-foot styles, and in assorted designs.

The store's special new home and garden department

Villetta, is filled with a seasonal selection of outdoor furniture and accessories from all over the world.

Nassau Interiors offers gift certificates and gift boxes, and is open Monday to Friday 9 to 5:30, Thursday until 8, Saturday until 5, Sunday 12 to 5.



Perhaps no holiday remembrance has as much meaning as a gift of jewelry, whether an

heirloom to be passed down through the generations or a whimsical treasure for today. The graceful and elegant selection of **Forest Jewelers** on Nassau Street offers gifts for all seasons.

Owner Mitch Forest, himself a jeweler, designer, and manufacturer, has a unique appreciation of fine jewelry. In his own collection, two exquisitely beautiful opal rings stand out, their iridescent quality enhanced by an accent of diamonds.

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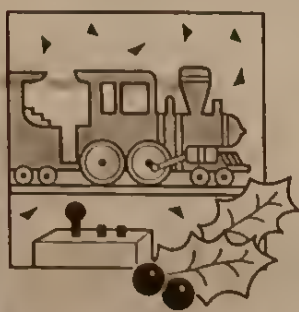
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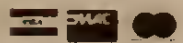


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versary band. Forest's is featuring a large selection of diamond bracelets, as well as the intriguing new "floating" diamond necklaces.

Platinum is extremely popular right now, especially in wedding bands, engagement rings, and anniversary bands. A lovely handmade platinum and diamond necklace is stunning, as is a watch with a platinum bracelet.

Of course, gold, white or yellow, is always special, and a beautiful matched choker necklace and bracelet set features 18k gold with beveled diamonds. There are many other choices in bracelets and chains.

Forest's also offers the work of many fine designers, including a number of special pieces from Italy.

Pearls are always an elegant gift, and the Forest collection is superb. Large natural black South Seas and Tahitian pearls are offered in addition to traditional choices in necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and rings. Lovely pearls are available in the store's estate jewelry selection, which also includes a large blue zircon ring, cameos, watches — all pieces with a history.

Men's and women's wrist watches from Oris, Cyma, and Skagen of Denmark are in many styles, including self-winding mechanical watches.

Forest's offers a selection of giftware starting at \$50. Sterling silver baby items and cigar cutters and tubes are on display, along with a nice assortment of miniature clocks.

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The Dandeline Shop at 77 North Main Street in Cranbury is a pleasure. This delightful women's shop, specializing in clothes and accessories, recently relocated to a 110 year-old house.

Sweaters are a highlight of the shop, and the selection includes choices for every taste and style in wool and cotton. Chenille continues to be a big seller, and the chenille jewel tone cardigan with black velvet collar and cuffs has a festive holiday look, available at \$130.

Other popular chenille styles include long or short cardigans and pullovers in many color combinations.

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Dressing up for the holidays is easy at The Dandeline Shop. There are wonderful choices, and a staff always willing to help with advice for the total fashion look. A two-piece wine velvet ensemble includes long "easy" skirt and flattering long-sleeved top with cowl neck at \$188.

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Lace shawls include some with metallic thread accents at \$25 and up, and panne velvet reversible scarves feature black reversing to various fashion colors at \$19.

The Dandeline Shop's jewelry selection is perfect for gift-giving. Vintage-style necklaces with crystals, jet beads, and pearls are \$20 and up, and coordinate with earrings, from \$6. Pearls are in all lengths, from chokers to 60 inches, starting at \$12. Always timeless, they are also available with stone/pearl combinations and coordinating earrings.

Glass bead necklaces in pastels to jewel tones in various lengths, and chunky beads in clear and opaque stone combinations are fun and a great look. Giving a piece of jewelry in one of the store's jewelry boxes is a special presentation. The handpainted boxes are in oval and rectangular styles, from \$10.

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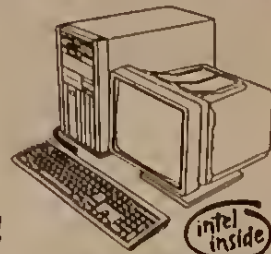


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A visit to the **Blue Raccoon** at 6 Coryell Street in Lambertville provides a plethora of gift ideas, home decorating tips, and gardening specialties. The store's appealing mix of furniture (a big part of the business), lighting accessories, giftware, and antiques is presented in a very engaging setting.

Glassware, ceramics, and lovely linens are all available for the table, and welcome holiday gifts. The "garden urn" silver plate on solid brass salt and pepper shakers will add a classic touch to the table for \$21, as will the 15-inch beeswax geometric smokeless and dripless tapers in assorted shades.

The Provence tea towels in cotton waffle weave and bumblebee design are special at \$10, and there are also sets of

attractive wood coasters with holiday motif in matching boxes for \$24.

Exclusive to the Blue Raccoon is the selection of handcrafted vintage ornament wreaths. Made of vintage glass ornaments, each is a one-of-a-kind creation. Available at \$169.

Also exclusive to the store is the fun assortment of hand-made "button men." Vintage and antique buttons are threaded over a wire frame to create modern day folk art for the tree. At about four inches tall, they can also make unique shade pulls. (\$18).

Other ornaments include the very popular handcrafted "Tutti Frutti" collection of colorful fruit fairy-like creatures in whimsical designs, also \$18.

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for \$165 is a holiday specialty, and new this year is a wonderful squeezable balls and instruction book — "a short course in life enhancement!" A big seller at \$29.

The Blue Raccoon also offers wonderfully fragrant long-lasting soaps. Scents include sandalwood, rosewood, and cedar, as well as the gift-wrapped sea algae for \$5.

A gift for that someone who has everything is one of the store's handcrafted quality scissors from a family of scissor-makers in India. Available in different sizes, they are stamped and signed, and great for the desk, sewing room, or kitchen, from \$16.

The store also has a selection of holiday CDs, starting at \$7.98, as well as a series of books by Edward Gorey, including *The Willowdale Hondcor*, *The Insect God*, and *The Water Flower*, all at \$11.95.

Gift certificates, gift wrapping, and gift registry are available, and hours are seven days 11 to 6.



The aroma of fresh-baked ham invites you inside when you visit **Heavenly Ham** in the Mercer Mall on Route One, especially noted for its delicious ready-to-serve honey glaze spiral sliced ham.

There is nothing better for entertaining, and the special flavor and ease of serving make the ham, and also the outstanding varieties of smoked turkey, wonderful gifts. Half hams with honey mustard are big sellers, at approximately \$40.

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## Kidstuff

Shopping for the kids is the most fun, and there are still lots of good ideas for them in all categories. A "Tote Puzzle" in handy tote box with 36 pieces is \$14.95 at **Triangle Your Creative Center**. Fun to carry to grandma's, and Triangle also offers velvet Victorian stuffed bears in blue, green, or burgundy velvet, also \$14.95.

Kaleidoscopes featuring birds and butterflies are \$7.99 at **Ambleside Gardens & Nursery** in Belle Mead, and it also offers "Gemini Specs," special glasses that create weird and funny images, at \$7.99.

Paint Your Own Christmas Ornament or Flower Pot is \$18.50 at **Creative Hands** in the Montgomery Shopping Center. It includes paint, brush, book, ribbon and three ornaments or flower pot. The same store offers the super Magic Lamps, with colorful moving pictures. Horses, trains, and fish are just some of the images. \$66, and all ages love it.

Keeping clean will be fun for small fry with the special glycerine soaps featuring a toy snowman, Santa, even an eyeball, inside. \$8.95 at **ETC Company** on Palmer Square.

The Goodnight Moon Game delights kids who also love the classic bedtime story. \$19.95 at **Learning Express** in the Princeton Shopping Center. Also from that store is Vortex, "the world's farthest flying foam football" for \$14.95.

A great stocking stuffer is a bag of marbles, \$1.99 at Triangle Your Creative Center, and a nice accompaniment is the marble game mat at \$12.95.

And, for those naughty boys and girls, a lump of coal in a Santa tin is \$2.79 at **Peterson's Christmas Shop & Garden Center** at 3730 Lawrenceville Road.

Learning Express carries a wide variety of the popular Brio, Lego, Thomas the Tank, and Arthur (including plush, clocks, books, and games). There is also a big selection of "Blue" (of "Blues Clues" fame) items, with Blue, and the Handy Dandy notebook offered at \$20.

A wonderful selection of puppets (including three little birds in a nest) and finger puppets, will stimulate all kinds of creativity, along with the puppet theater. Also available is a great selection of "dress up" for imaginative playing.

New in the store is the Great Railway Adventure series, with book, engine, and cassette, offering a variety of railroad stories. From Lionel, these are in the \$24.95 range.

There is a big selection of books, including the popular American Girl series. Furniture, clothes, and related items are all available, as is the new contemporary selection of American Girl books on manners.

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there is a new assortment of Heavenly Ham frozen side dishes, such as broccoll and rice casserole, potatoes au gratin, cinnamon apples, and gourmet burgers, among others, at \$6.99.

Also very popular are the fresh fruit pies, baked on the premises, and Turtle Island soup mixes in many flavors are attractively packaged at \$5.95.

Other handsomely packaged items include the special Clearbrook Farms gourmet preserves in canning jars at \$9.95 and Stone Mountain gift boxes of mustards, sauces and salad dressings.

Many customers look forward to stopping in for one of Heavenly Ham's incredibly popular box lunches, including sandwich, potato salad or other side dish, fresh-baked cookie or apple, and soft drink for \$5.65. These will not be offered during the four days before Christmas, but will be available the day after Christmas.

Gift certificates are popular, and Heavenly Ham offers shipping nationwide, and free local delivery.



**Learning Express**, the new toy store in the Princeton Shopping Center, is truly a treasure trove for kids. It overflows with a super selection of innovative and quality items that capture the imagination.

The high quality La Maze line specializes in developmentally appropriate toys for infants to toddlers. The "Rolly Cow" at \$14.98 is special for babies, and tub frogs and tub tints are fun for the bath. Tints include non-toxic red, blue, and yellow pellets to add color to the bath water (\$6).

A great infant toy is the Activity Gym, with floor mat and mobiles, all in black and white, which are important colors for babies. \$44.95.

For ages 18 months and up, Tony, the Drive Along play car, is entertaining and colorful at \$20, and new from La Maze is the wooden self-correcting alphabet puzzle. (\$30).



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keeping friendships, cleaning your room, etc.

Learning Express has the wonderful Carolle dolls, from \$15 to \$60, as well as a great wooden doll house, with furniture available. Games and puzzles of every kind are on display, with Electronic Chess and Geo Safari Talking Globe Jr. especially popular. Action Hockey is another favorite, and for someone more musically inclined, the electric violin, with several digitally recorded tunes, allows instant virtuosity. (\$16.95).

Personalization is a specialty of Learning Express, and children's names can be added to trains, medical kits, tool sets, etc. December 18 is the cut-off date for Christmas gifts.

Learning Express also offers a terrific variety of fun little stocking stuffers in the 20 to

35 cent range, and many more under \$5. And that other stocking stuffer favorite, the Beanle Baby, is in full supply at \$5.98.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are available, and hours are Monday through Wednesday 9 to 8, Thursday and Friday until 9, Saturday until 6, Sunday 11 to 5.



Draw the bath, set the mood, warm the scented oils, light the candles, fill a sparkling glass, and drift away to pure pleasure!

Ingredients for just about all of the above can be found at **ETC Company** at 25 Palmer Square East. Combining accessories for the house and body is the unique concept

of this stylish yet homey store. It offers an enormous range of items guaranteed to make you feel good and your house look good.

Luxurious bathroom accessories include fragrant soaps, lotions, shower gels and bath salts, as well as scented tea bags for soothing baths. The Fruits & Passion line offers 10 fragrances, including the super orange/cantaloupe, in hand cream, body lotion and bar soap, with body lotion \$8.95. A great gift provides a sample of all the bath gels in an artist's palette/ package for \$24.95.

Another gift pack includes eye pillow, tub teas, body lotion, and bath seltzers, also at \$24.95. Small indulgences are available in the form of wooden body massagers for \$5.95, and there are sponges and loofahs, and wonderfully scented vegetable oil bar soaps from Marseille for \$5.95.

The store also carries the highly regarded Aromatherapy of Rome products, all made of 100 percent natural essential oils. These oils are relaxing and rejuvenating, and available from \$6.95.

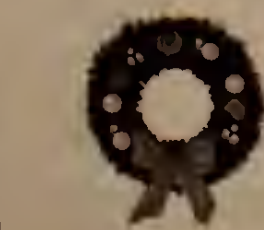
ETC Company is known for the size and quality of its candle selection — all shapes and sizes, scented, unscented, tapers, pillars, beeswax, every kind of candle imaginable. "Bamboo" candles (with the wax handpoured into bamboo molds) and large candles with three wicks are among those on display.

And to go with them, a super array of candle holders. Japanese mother-of-pearl lanterns and Japanese handmade paper lanterns, with delicate grass and floral design, offered at \$22.95 and \$16.95.

Picture frames are another big holiday gift item, and ETC Company has a large selection, with many unusual styles. New this year is the pewter or copper frame that fans out to create a bouquet of family and friends photos. In assorted sizes, including two to nine pictures, these offer a unique way to display photos, from \$8.95 to \$19.95. They can also be used for special greeting or holiday cards, or postcards.

Another ETC Company specialty is the large variety of eye-catching and affordable glassware, including a martini section, with glasses, shakers, and coasters. Metal wine caddies and wine racks start at \$16.95, and even pets are not neglected at this store. A wide assortment of pet-related items includes placemats, bowls, jars for treats, and picture frames, from \$6.95.

Gift certificates and gift boxes are available, and hours are Monday through Wednesday 10 to 7, Thursday through Saturday until 9, Sunday 11 to 6.



Just about everything for the home can be found at **Saums Interiors** at 75 Princeton Avenue in Hopewell. Not only can this long-time family-owned establishment take care of wall and floor coverings, window treatments, upholstery, and painting needs, it

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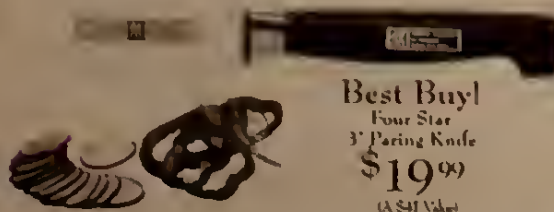
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"Visions of sugarplums" come to mind at **Bon Appetit** in the Princeton Shopping Center. The array of gourmet goodies is truly mouthwatering. Candy and cookies galore, nuts and dried fruits, jams and jellies, oils and vinegars — and all in the most eye-catching packaging and presentation imaginable.

Gift baskets are especially important for the holidays, and the store has many ready to go, from \$35, and shoppers can also customize their own own baskets.

**GRACIOUS LIVING:** Eileen Saums of Saums Interiors on Princeton Avenue in Hopewell is shown next to a handsome lamp with fern design base, a pair of antique silver candlesticks, and a "pomegranate"-shaped ceramic teapot. These are just some of the many gift items available at Saums.

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also offers full interior design services.

And, in addition, there are many gift choices in all price ranges for holiday shopping. A special sale offers 25 percent off all items in the store, with 50 percent off a variety of small hooked rugs, starting at \$35.

Trays are always popular, and a selection of handpainted Tuscan wooden trays feature pear or topiary design at \$29. A nice gift idea is to fill up the tray with a variety of goodies as a holiday presentation.

Also on display are pretty papier maché Christmas ball ornaments at \$7.95, and assorted gold leaves, so festive when placed in a bowl during the holidays, offered at \$8 for a half pound.

A selection of porcelain and ceramic includes very pretty celadon vases, from \$25, and there are also special brass boxes in different styles and designs at \$19 and up. Very nice as a grouping of three or as an individual item. Candlesticks are in all sizes in brass and silver.

Golfers will appreciate the assortment of golf motif items, including mirror, lamp, coat rack, and golf bag pencil caddy. Also available is a ceramic fishing creel box at \$55 and decorative metal lighthouses at \$99.

A wide assortment of mirrors, as well as a variety of framed art, in all price ranges, are displayed. The antique wooden lap writing desk from the 1800s is special, and another handsome piece is the wooden pedestal, excellent for storing CDs or videos, offered in varied finishes and styles.

Special pillows made from antique carpet are available from \$55, as is a selection of chenille and rayon fringed throws in solid and block designs.

Silk flowers and plants are very popular, and look like the real thing. A small ivy plant in ceramic vase is an excellent gift at \$32.

Saums also has an intriguing jewelry collection, with unusual items, such as beaded bracelets and necklaces, and antique button earrings. A little beaded velvet pouch for \$18 is great if

you're going out and just need your car keys. In addition, there is a variety of the very collectible Art Deco hat pins.

Gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 to 6, Saturday 9 to 5.

A special item this year is the picnic backpack in two styles, including wine and cheese with two glasses, cheese board, and corkscrew for \$55, and a fully appointed model with plates, utensils, glasses, etc. at \$79. You can carry your picnic wherever you go!

If sweets are your thing, look no further! A super selection of Godiva chocolates and the high quality Belgian Guylian chocolates are offered, and

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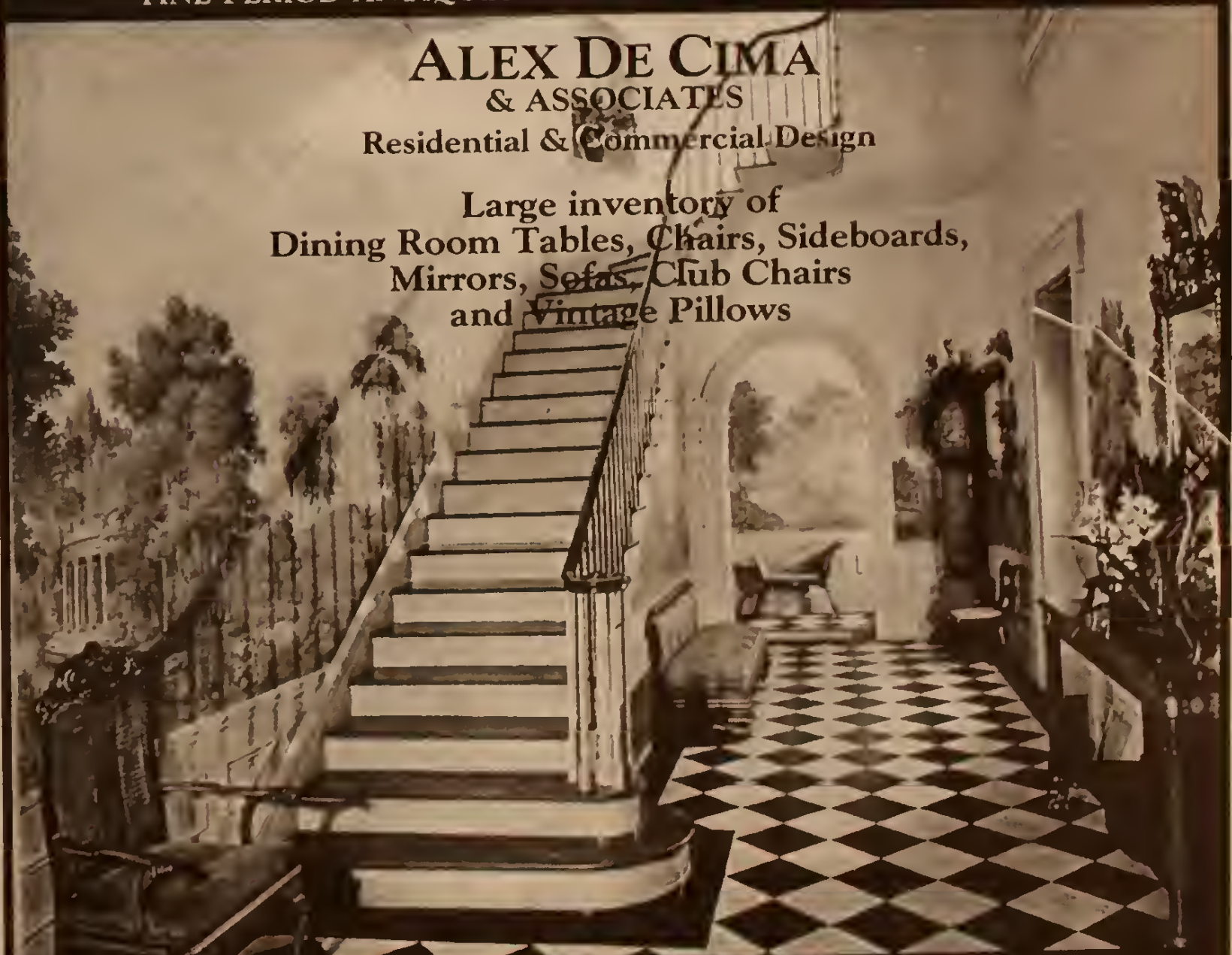
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## Last Minute Miscellany

So you've made a list, checked it twice, and you still can't decide. Not to worry! There's still time and lots of great choices out there. Here are some ideas.

**The Perfect Gift** on Nassau Street has a big selection of mirrors, including the charming "Lipstick" style, with English cottage design for \$72. Especially pretty from **Gasior's Furniture & Accessories** in Belle Mead is the collection of crackled glass boxes with pewter lids, available at \$16, and the store also offers handsome metal and wood wastebaskets for \$40.

Luggage racks are handy when all that holiday company arrives, and they are \$59.99 at **Nassau Interiors**, which also has a selection of folding chairs and bridge tables.

A lady on your list will enjoy the purse mirror in a gold case for \$22 at **The Dandeline Shop** in Craibury, which also offers handpainted Venetian glass perfume bottles at \$16.

She will surely appreciate the satin bikinis from **Edith's** on Nassau Street. Available in black and red and red and white with heart or teddy bear design, they are \$5. Also appealing are the chenille gloves (\$29) with appliqued flowers at **Phoebe's**, the women's shop at 4040 Quaker Bridge Road in Mercerville.

Gardeners will certainly want the soil scoop with serrated edge, an excellent tool for \$9.99 at **Ambleside Gardens & Nursery** in Belle Mead, and the aromatherapy lamp and diffuser at the **Whole Earth Center** will help you relax with all those essential oils, at \$21.

**Bowhe & Peare** on Palmer Square offers a tasty snack with its tin of Swedish gingersnaps at \$9.50, and to go with it, a "Tea For One" teapot with cup nested underneath, \$15 at **Bon Appetit** in the Princeton Shopping Center.

Shopping can be tiring, and if you want to rest, but like a little light, **Creative Hands** offers a selection of lovely nightlights in many designs at \$24.50.

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new this year is the line of super Godiva cookies, offered in five varieties, in the beautiful Godiva signature gift boxes.

An assortment of Guylian chocolates features a Santa box at \$8.95, and there are many novelty chocolate Santas, Snowmen, trees, etc. A delicious stocking stuffer is one of the Droste chocolate oranges or apples at \$5.89. And the variety of cookies packaged in keepsake tins is hard to resist.

Nuts and fruits are available in attractive gift trays or in separate containers, and they are all packed on the premises. Oils and vinegars continue to be very popular at **Bon Appetit**, and again, the packaging is smashing. "Wildly Delicious" offers an award-winning cranberry citrus vinegar in a handsome bottle, encased in a thin maple sleeve, at \$23.95.

Another super presentation is the assortment of traditional English teas from Fortnum & Mason in a wooden box, and there is a variety of many other gift teas, all attractively packaged.

For coffee drinkers, **Bon Appetit** offers limited edition espresso and cappuccino sets from the Italian espresso Company, Illy Cafe. Six espresso cups, saucers, and coffee are \$80, and six cappuccino cups and saucers are \$60, all in attractive new designs.

Cheese is one of the highlights at this store, with more than 300 different kinds from all over the world, including a selection of new French cheeses. Stilton is a traditional Christmas cheese, and it is available in a wheel or half a wheel. A basket with Stilton and pears is a welcome gift.

**Bon Appetit** offers full scale catering, and there are special holiday menus available. And don't forget you can stop in for

a quick cup of coffee, sandwich, and pastry for lunch on-the-run, and at the same time pick up dinner to take home.

Gift certificates are offered.

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**Kwela Crafts** at 46 Main Street in Kingston is a wonderful resource for contemporary handcrafted items from southern Africa, especially from Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.

What visitors will find is a colorful selection charmingly displayed in the shop's cozy quarters. Hand-sewn screened and potato prints offer one-of-a-kind cushion covers, aprons, placemats, napkins, and tablecloths in assorted patterns and wonderful blends of color.

The sets of four padded placemats with four napkins from Zimbabwe are excellent holiday gifts. At \$40, they are machine-washable and in many colorful designs.

Handcrafted Zulu baskets in all shapes, sizes, and styles are especially popular, from \$5. A charming fabric trinket basket in potato design is \$20. Another attractive gift idea is one of the shop's real ostrich eggs, painted with gold leaf, available at \$45. It is a wonderful centerpiece in a bowl or basket with holiday greens.

**Kwela Crafts** offers a selection of Tuareg silver, including handcrafted bracelets and earrings in very special designs, from \$27. It is one of only two stores in the U.S. to carry the silver. There are also malachite necklaces and other semi-precious stone pieces.

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Wire sculpture items include birds, cat business card holders at \$11, and a bathroom accessory set. Cards, notebooks, and stationery all make nice small gifts.

The shop has recently added a section of children's items, including dresses and vests with elephant design, colorful handmade animal jigsaw puzzles from Zimbabwe, hand-made ethnic ragdolls, and soft fabric toy animals, from \$8 to \$39.

Round and pillar-shaped candles are always good gifts, and they are in black and white designs, reminiscent of mud cloth, as well as in antique finish with elephant and head-



**CANDY CORNER:** Nancy Robinson, owner of Robinson's Fine Candies in the Montgomery Shopping Center, is shown with one of the shop's gift baskets. Available at \$13.95, it contains assorted homemade chocolates, red and green gumdrops, and chocolate Santas. A variety of larger baskets is priced up to \$30. In the background are the popular chocolate roses in assorted colors at \$2.95 per "stem."

dress design, from \$6. A Kwela Crafts is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 to 6, Sunday 12 to 4.

**The Drawing Room,** known especially for its selection of late 18th to mid-19th Century English and Continental antiques, has two Lambertville locations. The showroom at 36 South Main Street specializes in larger pieces, including a selection of superb furniture, primarily English, but also French and American. Also available are framed art and accessories, such as lamps, handsome globes, and sconces.

The other showroom is located in the historic Lambertville House at 32 Bridge Street. Here the focus is on smaller items, with a library theme and a selection of gifts for gracious living.

The Drawing Room's collection of antique tables is a speciality.

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cialty, and the choices are spectacular. You can certainly invite all your friends and family to dinner if you have the gorgeous 14-foot long mahogany table from New Hampshire, dating to 1815.

Another exceptional piece is the Edwardian plum pudding mahogany dining table, and there is an extensive array of Georgian sideboards and servers. Also on display is a handsome Biedemaier roll-top desk and a beautiful late 18th-century bookcase.

In addition, The Drawing Room is presenting a variety of fine early 19th-century Chinese antiques, such as wedding chests, armolres, altar tables, and take-out baskets.

An antique Waterford chandelier fitted with prisms is a fantastic piece, and there are wonderful gilded bronze sconces with cherub motif.

Accessories include handsome brass candlesticks, bronze inkwells, unusual penwipes, and desk magnifying glasses, all from 19th-century England.

The store offers a fabulous collection of the extremely collectible Staffordshire dogs, cottages, and figures, as well as English Prattware, and early 19th-century Meissen.

There is also a collection of 19th-century English miniature portraits in tortoise shell frames and a series of mid-19th-century French cow prints.

The Drawing Room is noted for its custom-made pillows, using vintage fabrics. There is an enormous selection, and they are all made on the premises. Also available are charming key tassels in many colors and designs at \$25.

New to the showroom is a selection of Forever Green bal-



**ALL-OCCASION BAGS:** This display of the very popular Vera Bradley line of machine-washable quilted handbags and accessories is shown at the Piccadilly, the women's shop on Nassau Street. Included in the selection are handbags, duffle bags, cosmetic and coin cases, eyeglass cases, and a special red Christmas bag with green trim.

sam topiary in assorted sizes. These make a wonderful addition to a room, and no watering is needed!

The Drawing Room owners, Alex DeCimadevilla and Ro Muller also offer complete interior design service. Gift certificates are available, and hours are 10 to 5 seven days at the South Main Street location; Monday through Friday 12 to 6, Saturday and Sunday until 7 at the Bridge Street showroom.

**The Princeton Army and Navy Store** on Witherspoon Street has been a favorite Princeton shopping stop for many years. With its big variety of items, from footwear to khakis to union suits, it can offer great gift ideas.

Jackets and parkas are in abundance, including the authentic Navy pea jacket and a variety of the popular fleece jackets in assorted colors, at \$59.98. Columbia parkas and jackets are all 20 percent off.

Khakis (pleated or plain front) and cords are in full supply from \$18.95, and the store has the popular "cargo" pants at \$40. Also available are the Army fatigue pants in khaki, olive green, and camouflage, with camouflage available in

kids' sizes.

New this year is the sought-after Carhartt heavy duty casual wear with a "work" look. Jackets and pants are available in cotton duck, and there is also rugged outdoor wear in sweatshirts with thermal lined hoods in the \$49 range.

Lighter weight sweatshirts are \$11.98, and there are zip fronts, hooded styles, and Princeton University logo styles.

Levis continue to be big sellers at Princeton Army & Navy, and the selection offers all the different styles and fits, with men's starting at \$29.90. Lee jeans are also available in many choices.

The variety of sweaters (all 20 percent off) offers pullovers in many designs, including the popular Shaker style. Also available are the Union Bay sweaters with signature chest stripe at \$39. In addition, the store always carries cotton turtlenecks in assorted colors at \$14.

And don't forget the traditional cotton flannel plaid shirts, regular or quilted. They are \$22 and up, and a special "Buy one, get the second at half-price" offer is currently available.

Footwear includes the popular Dr. Martens shoes and boots from England, Carolina waterproof and insulated boots, Air Walk sneakers, and Converse sneakers in regular and hi-top styles. Also in stock is a big supply of JanSport backpacks, from \$29.

Princeton Army & Navy has a great line of accessories, including handsome wool scarves at \$11.95, lots of socks of all kinds (\$2.75 and up), gloves, starting at \$8.95, and caps and hats.

Stocking stuffers are plentiful, with the special Swiss

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Army knives from \$16.98, the Leatherman pocket tool (pliers, blade and file) from \$48, and earmuffs in assorted colors at \$3.95.

Men's underwear, including the one-piece union suits in red and gray, is in full supply, and there are always those colorful bandanas at \$12.98.

Gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday through Saturday 10 to 6, Thursday and Friday until 8, Sunday 11 to 5.



Always known for its super wool selection, **Landau's** on Nassau Street will see to it that you keep warm from top to toe. This long-time Princeton favorite offers many choices at excellent prices.

Starting with the feet! Socks have become a Landau specialty, and they are terrific. The cashmere blend terry socks are flying out of the store. Incredibly comfortable, in varied colors, they make a great stocking stuffer at \$15. Also nice and gifty is a pair of cashmere-blend athletic socks for men at \$13.50.

Other socks include lightweight cashmere blends for women at \$7.50, and this year, there is a selection of cashmere socks for the tiniest toes. Pink and blue for newborns, available at \$6.

Landau's mohair toasty warm and lightweight throws are the gift of a lifetime in two sizes at \$59 and \$79. In beautiful plaids and patterns, this is a gift for anyone on your list — no sizes, styles, etc., and the people who get it actually use it!

New this year is a fabulous lambswool throw for \$79, an excellent corporate gift. In addition, other throws are offered from \$29.

Another hot seller is the Irish lambswool scarf at \$15. In



**LEATHER AND MORE:** This window display offers a sampling of the variety of items available at **Luttmann's** on Witherspoon Street. Noted for its fine leather goods of all kinds, it also offers a handsome wooden board chess set with hand-painted dog and cat "men" from England, luggage from **Ghurka**, fine pens, and a great selection for holiday gift-giving.

many patterns and plaids, as well as solids, this is a perfect holiday gift. There are also children's lambswool scarves for \$12.

Other choices include mohair at \$22.50 and cashmere blends at \$29. Very special — and rare — are the featherweight musk-ox scarves from Canada. In toasty taupe, they are unbelievably soft and light.

Women love the assortment of cotton/wool underwear in camisoles and longjohns, and the wonderful machine-washable and dryable Foxcroft blouses are at terrific prices. Embroidered Christmas shirts are \$27, and there are also mandarin collar styles, with embroidered collar and cuffs.

Also available is a selection of embroidered fleece and sweatshirts, and the always popular cotton turtlenecks in 18 colors.

Landau's continues to expand its men's department, emphasizing a traditional look at a variety of prices. Beautiful camel's hair jackets are \$259 and cashmere jackets, regularly \$400, are \$289. Pinpoint Oxford dress shirts are \$32, and plaid flannel shirts are \$19.

Sweaters are in all styles, including Alan Paine lambswool at \$59, with V-neck vests, V-neck cashmere cardigans and pullovers in many colors. A big seller is the machine-washable acrylic/mohair pullover in five colors at \$59.

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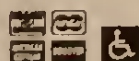
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Crab is another specialty, with king crab legs, cocktail snow crab claws, and crab fingers all big sellers.

Salmon is always in demand, and the poached salmon platter and salmon en croute platter are favorites at \$12.99 per pound. Highly recommended is the Furnace Creek oregano kippered salmon. "A phenomenal appetizer!" says the staff. The Scotch or Atlantic smoked salmon is always a very popular gift item, offered at \$19.99 per pound package.

Other holiday specialties include lobster tails (broiler-ready, \$12.99 each), calamari, baccala (salt dried cod), and of course, caviar. Beluga, Sevruga, and the Russian Osetra at a very special price of \$18.99 an ounce, are all offered.

All the hot and cold hors d'oeuvres are in full supply, including baby crab cakes with avocado tartare, conch fritters, stuffed clams, clams Casino or oreganata, oysters Florentine, artichoke crab dip, salmon and avocado log, clams and oysters on the half shell, and the famous hickory smoked tuna spread — and much more!

Non-seafood items include an excellent selection of special free range turkeys, Smithfield honey sliced ham, and game. And you can also find that Christmas goose at Nassau St. Seafood.

The store has an expanded produce section, and it carries the popular Terhune Orchard pies and area LaFollette wines. Full-service catering is also offered for any size dinner, party or event — everything from soup to nuts! 924-8406.

Nassau St. Seafood offers gift certificates, and is open Monday through Friday 8:30 to 7, Saturday until 6, Sunday 9 to 3. Extended hours nearer Christmas.

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A selection of distinctive, high quality lighting fixtures is the specialty of **Heritage Lighting** at 67 Bridge Street in Lambertville. The store offers many choices, with an emphasis on chandeliers, sconces, and exterior lighting.

A variety of chandelier styles is on display, and many are unusual, handcrafted, and exclusive to the store. They emphasize natural materials, such as wood, alabaster, tole, natural brass and copper, and iron. These natural materials are also offered in lanterns and sconces.

The chandeliers at Heritage Lighting can enhance the rooms and foyers of many homes, regardless of decor. Choices include traditional crystal or French country hand-wrought iron, and a number are antiques that have been electrified.

In addition, Heritage Lighting is doing much more of its own design work, so many items are one-of-a-kind and exclusive. One of their designs offers an intriguing look with an attractive wire basket base and six electrified candles. Another features quartz crystals, including fruit and leaf motif, and burnished brass frame.

Heritage Lighting offers superb choices in the increasingly popular outdoor lanterns and lamp posts, with a cross section of traditional American and European looks. Many finishes, designs, and styles are available, and they can also be customized.

A full selection of floor and table lamps, including popular Chinese handpainted porcelain models, is available, and there is also a large variety of mirrors in many designs.

New this year is an extensive display of furniture and limited edition reproduction bronzes. The furniture includes traditional European and Chinese pieces. A handsome chest features antique Chinese panels, and another offers a warrior and horse design.

The bronzes, which have been very much in demand, include an eclectic selection, from Joan of Ark, a Degas ballerina, and Apollo, to a wonderful rendering of a jockey on horseback.

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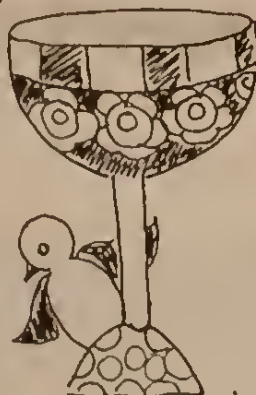
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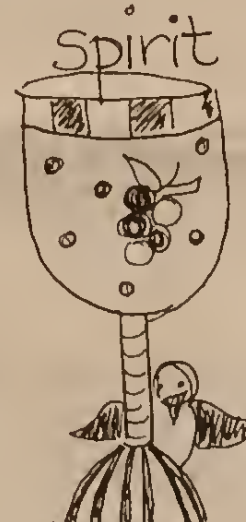
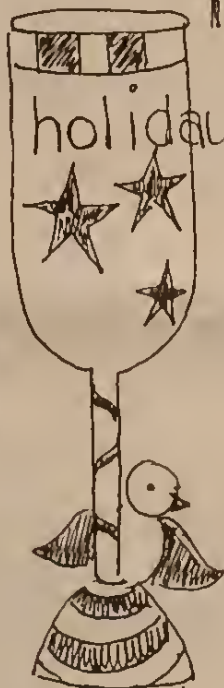
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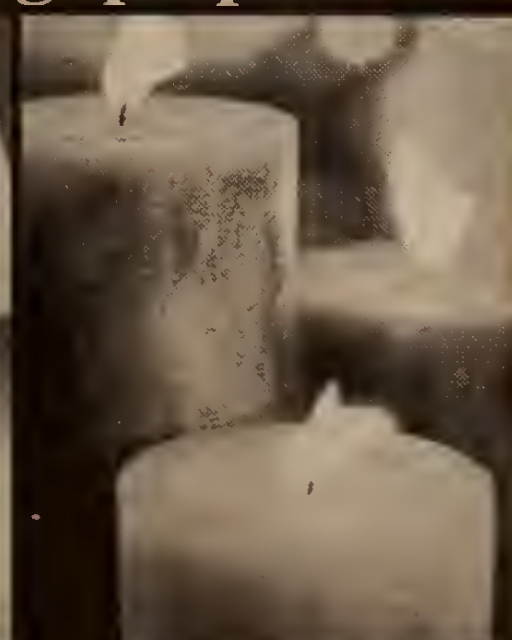
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All your creative impulses will come to life at **Triangle Your Creative Center** at the corner of Route One and Darrah Lane. This fun and colorful store is filled with items for the whole family. A complete selection of art supplies offers everything for the beginner to the professional.

Complete painting sets for beginners include all supplies, as well as instruction booklets for watercolor, oil, or acrylic at \$29.95, and fun for the kids are the adjustable two-sided easels, with three surfaces:

chalkboard, white board, and 200 paper roll, available at \$34.95. And don't forget Triangle's huge Crayola selection — one of the biggest and best in the area.

Children can learn to make origami and kirigami with the special kits revealing the secrets of these ancient arts, at \$9.95. They can paint and decorate a pre-assembled handcarved birdhouse with wind chimes for \$12.95, as well as play with wonderful new hand and finger puppets. New this year, the selection includes furry cats and dogs that "speak," and a whole range of animals and creatures guaranteed to spark the imagination, from \$9.99.

Also available is a selection of Rankin plush toys, at \$19.99, as well as a line of "Beanie-type" Disney, Looney Tunes, Peanuts, and A Bug's Life characters.

Adults can also find super gift items at Triangle. An out-

standing pen collection presents everything from classic fountain pens to Mickey Mouse designs. The re-introduced Parker line, and Waterman and Mont Blanc are in a variety of styles and price ranges. Many are available in sets with ball point, roller ball, and pencils.

New this year is an assortment of dipping quill pens (\$6.95) imported from Italy, as well as the very popular Venetian glass dipping pens, also from Italy, and exclusive to Triangle. Scented, colored ink is available for those very special notes.

Another new item is the Disney Scribe pen, which can convert to fountain, roller ball or ball point, offered at \$75. Pens are really in every style and price range, including fountain pens from \$7.95. Many other fine pens, such as the Calibri line, are offered at half price, starting at \$11.99.

To enhance the writing experience (forget the faxes and e-mail!), Triangle carries a big selection of stationery, including the "Keep It Box," featuring 10 notes with reproductions of the Great Masters, for \$12.95.

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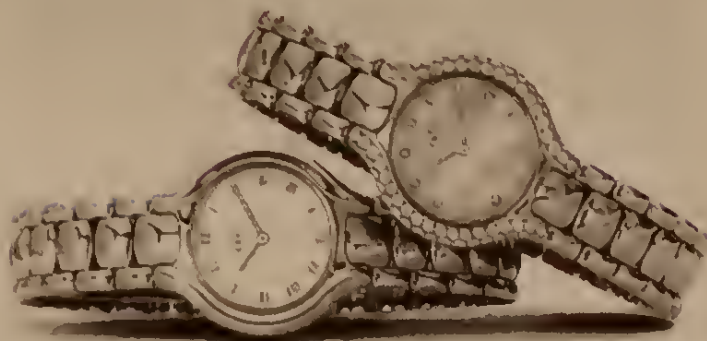
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The price is right, and so is the quality and the service, at **Glendale Liquors** at Park Plaza, 4040 Quaker Bridge Road. A specialty of the store is its discount policy; with everything marked down — It's a sale every day at Glendale! In addition, for the holidays, there will be added discounts on certain case items.

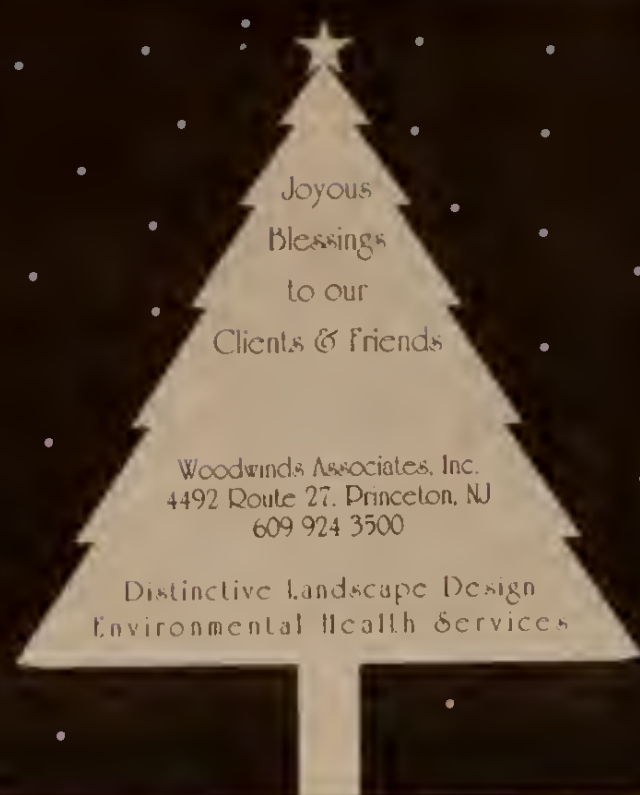
Gift packages of all kinds are in abundance making gift-giving easy and attractive, and there are gifts for every taste and every pocketbook. Gifts with glasses, shakers, and crockery are all on display. You can find everything from a big candycane filled with small bottles of brandy for \$3.99 to a Perrier-Jouet set with champagne and two handpainted glasses for \$83.99, and many items in between.

There are chocolate-filled liqueurs, German beers with holiday mug for \$7.99, wine gift sets with two or three bottles from \$7.99 to Bolla packages with four wines for \$26.99. A Beefeater gin set includes two martini glasses, and a bottle of Drambuie is encased in a glass humidor, at \$23.99.

Single malt scotches are very popular today, and gift sets offer sample bottles of several kinds for \$17.99. There are also special holiday beer sets providing assortments, including Saranac and Sam Adams.

Cordials are great for holiday giving, and no one can resist the new Godiva cappuccino for \$17.99, and all those other after-dinner specialties, including a special gift set of B&B with two glasses at \$22.99, among many others.

A complete selection of wines, including brandy and cognac, is offered, as is the full range of spirits of all kinds. If you can't decide, gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday and Tuesday 9 to 8, Wednesday and Thursday until 9, Friday and Saturday until 10, Sunday 11 to 5, with hours extended nearer Christmas.



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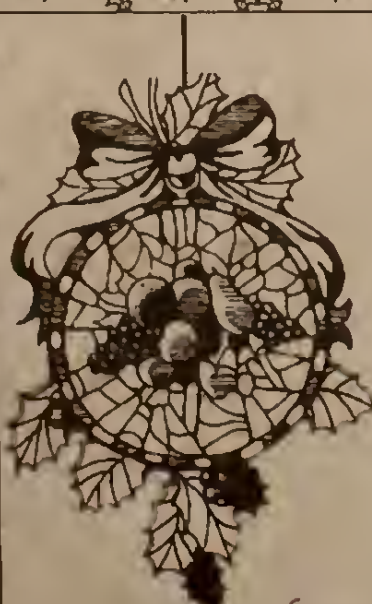
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The charming **CG Gallery, Ltd.**, owned by artist Elizabeth Godycki and located on Chambers Street, offers a large selection of antique prints, graphics, and original art — traditional and contemporary — as well as a variety of attractive gift items.

One of the pleasures of visiting the gallery is the chance to see the very fine pastels of Ms. Godycki, whose work is sought by collectors. She specializes in contemporary landscapes, and her expert use of color is particularly striking.

Also on display is a series of exceptional black and white photographs by Fred Stein. Images of New York and Paris in the 1930s and '40s are included. In addition, a selection of flowers in oil by H. Yang in a very colorful, impressionistic style, and a series of small paintings, oil on paper, by Ferruccio are offered.

Gift items include a variety of beautiful one-of-a-kind hand-blown glass pieces, all of which would make lovely holiday gifts. Vases in assorted sizes and designs are the creations of American artists, and are very special. Bowls, perfume bottles, paperweights, all exceptionally graceful, are also available, as are unusual sandblasted-style candiesticks in muted blue.

Beautiful handblown "Witches Balls" at \$35, in assorted designs, are certain to keep the witches away, and the gallery's Christmas ornaments are truly exceptional. A superb selection includes handblown glass balls handpainted with enamel, very collectible at \$60. Others, also handblown, start at \$17.

Handpainted silk scarves, the creations of a Russian artist, are works of art, offered at \$115, and the gallery also

offers a selection of mirrors with gilded frames in assorted sizes.

Custom framing is a specialty of CG Gallery, and the personalized, knowledgeable service is always evident.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Saturday 11 to 6, Thursday and Friday until 7, Sunday 12 to 5.

"It's the next best thing to being in Paris," says an enthusiastic Frenchwoman about **The Witherspoon Bread Company** at 74 Witherspoon Street. Indeed, customers are a very happy group at this incredibly popular new "boulangerie," which offers hundreds of loaves of bread baked from scratch every day, as well as croissants, brioches, Danish, and tarts.

All the loaves — baguettes, ficelle, batard, bastone, boule (names determined by the shape of the bread) are big favorites, with the Italian Ciabatta and the multi-grain especially hot sellers.

Witherspoon Bread will also offer a variety of special items for the holidays, including dinner rolls, such as multi-grain, rustic pecan, black olive, sundried tomato, pain de mie, and whole wheat. Rolls will be available only for Christmas Eve and by pre-paid order.

In addition, desserts, such as spiced hazelnut cake with lemon glaze, fresh red plum tart, fresh mixed fruit tart, apple crumb tart, pecan pie, and holiday cookie platters, will be available, starting at \$14.

An assortment of gift items includes French preserves, at \$4.99 or \$1.25 for an individual size. Dijon mustards are \$2.75, and a very popular gift is the focaccia seasonings (\$4.99) and the Mediterra olive

oil at \$11.98. They are a nice holiday remembrance given together with a loaf of bread. Delicious homemade biscotti comes in pre-packaged bags for \$5.

Special orders will be taken for breads, rolls, and desserts for Christmas, and will be available Christmas Eve. A tent will be set up outside the bakery for customers to pick up these items.

Manager Ruth Alegria notes that additional counter help will be available on Christmas Eve "to accommodate all our customers who were so patient and nice on Thanksgiving."

Gift certificates are offered Monday through Friday 9 to 3, and hours are 7 to 7 seven days, 7 to 6 on Christmas Eve.

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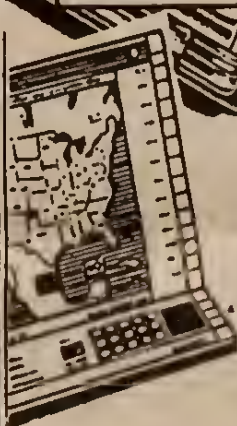
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## Wednesday, December 16

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4:30 p.m.: Readings by University creative writing program students; James M. Stewart Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street. Introduced by Paul Muldoon.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Minority Education Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Human Services Commission, Valley Road Building, Office of the Mayor.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Sinfonia; Taplin Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Township Zoning Board, Valley Road Building.

## Thursday, December 17

7:30 p.m.: *A Christmas Carol*; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 7:30; Saturday at 1 and 5:30; Sunday at 1 and 5:30; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Valley Road Building, Meeting Room B.

7:30 p.m.: Joint Recreation Board, Valley Road Building, Main Meeting Room.

## Friday, December 18

8 p.m.: American Boychoir, "Festival of Word and Song"; Princeton University Chapel.



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8 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica, *Handel Messiah*; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8.

## Saturday, December 19

1 p.m. American Repertory Ballet, *The Nutcracker*, State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also at 4:30 and on Sunday at 1 and 4:30.

## Sunday, December 20

3 p.m.: American Boychoir;

Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, *Handel Messiah*; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Fuma Sacra, "The Virgin and the Christ Child: A Renaissance Christmas"; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

## Monday, December 21

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## Tuesday, December 22

7 p.m.: Borough Council, University Computer Science Building (Charlton Street entrance) in the large auditorium. Regular-Work Session.

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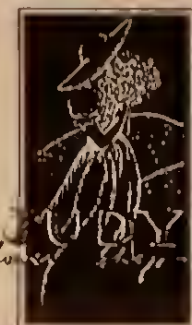
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Under the direction of Penna Rose, director of Chapel Music, the Princeton University Chapel choir will sing "God Is With Us" by John Tavener. "There Is No Rose of Such Virtue" by Robert A. Young will be sung by the Glee Club under the direction of Richard Tang Yuk.

Three campus o coppers groups are participating in the service: the Katzenjammers will sing Bogoroditse by Sergei Rachmaninoff; "O Come All Ye Faithful," arranged by Take Six, will be sung by the Footnotes; and Roaring 20 will sing Il est né le divin enfant, a traditional French carol.

Joan Lippincott, principal University Organist, will accompany the service. She will play "Fantasia The Christmas Light" by Simon Preston, "Christmas Intrada" by David Conte, Christmas music by Oliver Messiaen, "Fanfare on Antioch" by Jerre Hancock, and Dacquain's "Noël Suisse."

Following the service there will be a reception in Murray-Dodge Hall.

**Annual Service of Carols  
Due at Theological Sem.**

Princeton Theological Seminary will present a Christmas service titled "Carols of Many Nations" Wednesday December 16 at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. in Miller Chapel.

The services are duplicate services, and each will be followed by caroling on the Seminary quadrangle in front of the chapel.

Martin Tel, the C.F. Seabrook Director of Music at the Seminary, will conduct both the Chapel and Chancel Choirs in carols from 12 nations, including Germany, England, China, Russia, the Philippines, Venezuela, Austria, and from the African American and Native American traditions in the United States.

Soloists from the Seminary choirs will be featured in some of the carols and instrumentalists on flute and drums will accompany others.

International students from Ghana, Korea, Hungary, Nagaland, South Africa, Myanmar, Latvia, India, Kenya and Scotland will participate in the service by reading from the Scripture in their native languages. The Seminary's student body includes men and women from twenty countries.

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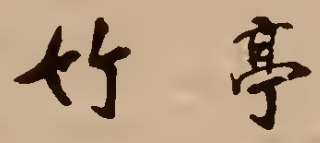
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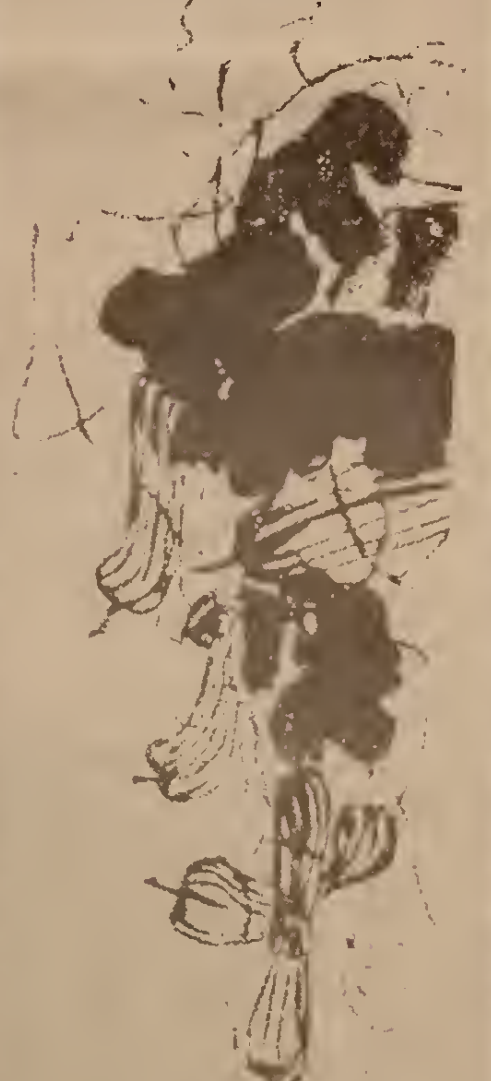
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## MUSIC REVIEW

### Young Pianist Is the Featured Performer In Chamber Symphony's Latest Concert

The brilliant concert pianist Robert Casadesus (1899-1972) made his home in Princeton for many years. So it is fitting that an ensemble from Princeton should launch — technically a month too soon — the celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth.

On Sunday afternoon, the Princeton Chamber Symphony not only presented one of Casadesus' signature performance pieces, Mozart's Concerto in A Major (K.V. 488), but also, just as interestingly, one of the Frenchman's own works, a representative of the some 70 compositions in his little-known oeuvre.

Casadesus' *Deuxieme Suite pour Orchestre* (Op. 26) testifies to the composer-pianist's affinity for the French Impressionist style. Despite the Chamber Symphony's elegant performance, it was clear that the work lacks a certain melodic and structural vigor.

But what the six movements may lack in technical finesse, they make up for with lovely effects of instrumental color — the bass-clarinet ostinato in the Nocturne, for example, or the combination of rippling string runs, plucked harp chords, and quick rolls on the snare drum in the accompaniment of the Nocturne and Dance.

We won't soon see the 100th anniversary of the birth of the piano soloist featured in the next work, Mozart's A Major Concerto. Galina Zhukova, a native of St. Petersburg, is only 15 years old, but she has a musical maturity well beyond her years. Like Casadesus, she has been a resident of Princeton, for a year in 1994 when her father was a scholar at the Institute for Advanced Study.

Ms. Zhukova displayed wonderful finger strength and dexterity, along with a fine sense of phrasing. Throughout the concerto she carried her solo melodies with poise and purpose. Like many young soloists, she

tended to rush during the ensemble sections, arriving at important downbeats a split-second ahead of the orchestra. In the first movement, the Chamber Symphony's strings sounded sluggish and heavy, which seemed to exacerbate the rhythmic differences between orchestra and soloist.

After the concerto, Ms. Zhukova surprised the audience with two unannounced solos. In the Chopin Nocturne, her lyrical gift came to the fore, making clear that with more concerto experience, she will refine her already evident ability to squeeze the last drops out of her notes, to make the orchestra and audience wait on each sound. Particularly in the Rachmaninoff piece, Ms. Zhukova showed dazzling technique.

#### Fine Performance of Sibelius

The Chamber Symphony concluded the concert with a very fine performance of Sibelius' relatively little-known Symphony No. 6. A well-proportioned, tranquil work, the symphony is less a discourse in melody and form than it is a series of beautiful moments, where harmony and instrumental color combine in enchanting ways.

The Chamber Symphony responded well to Sibelius' call for relaxed, evocative tableaux. The unhurried opening of the first movement, with its pure, widely spaced harmonies, hung delicately in the air. Even when the music shivered in the second movement, danced in the third, and drove hard toward the climax in the fourth, the Chamber Symphony did not lose sight of the cool center, the unflappable core. When the opening music returned at the very end of the work, it sounded inevitable: conductor Mark Laycock and the Chamber Symphony had gracefully maintained Sibelius' musical vision.

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Babe, Pig in the City (G): 12:45, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35.  
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**Fuma Sacra to Offer Christmas Concerts At Westminster**

Fuma Sacra will perform two Christmas concerts entitled "The Virgin and the Christ Child: A Renaissance Christmas" Sunday, December 20, and Monday, December 21, in Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Both performances begin at 8 p.m.

The program will include works spanning the 13th to the 20th century by such composers as Josquin Desprez, Claudio Monteverdi and Francis Poulenc. The ensemble, conducted by Andrew Megill, will also perform traditional works from England, France, Ireland and colonial America.

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**Music/Theatres**  
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**Handel's "Messiah" Set  
By Westminster Chorale**

The Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, conducted by Frank Abrahams, will perform Handel's Messiah Sunday, December 20 in Richardson Auditorium on the Princeton University campus.

The performance, which will include a chamber orchestra, will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling 921-7104 or 258-5000.

Soloists will be soprano Laquita Mitchell, mezzo-soprano Sharon Morrison, tenor Cameron Cahoon and baritone David Kimock, all students at Westminster Choir College.

The Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale is the high school honors choir of Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College.

Earlier this season it performed a Chanukah program at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark and at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa., in addition to its Chanukah concert on the Westminster campus. Its first recording, *Celebrate Chanukah*, was recently released.

Conductor Frank Abrahams is chair of the music education department at Westminster. He is also founder of the Westminster Music Theater Workshop, a summer program for high school actors and singers.

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Participants in the Young Artist Certificate program of the Westminster Conservatory of Music will perform a showcase recital, Sunday, December 20, at 2:30 in Bristol Chapel on the campus of Westminster Choir College.

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Held at the Westminster Conservatory on Saturday mornings, the program brings together like-minded musicians in a challenging environment.

The program consists of the study of music history, music theory, chamber music, composition and performance. Well-known performers and teachers work with the students on a weekly basis.

The recital will consist of solo and chamber music works played by selected students in the program. It is designed to illustrate the Young Artist Certificate

program's offerings as well as provide an entertaining evening of music by excellent young performers.

The compositions will include a mix of classical music, jazz and Broadway.

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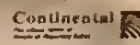
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### SPORTS

## Tiger Hockey Team to Face Northeastern Here Sunday

After a rare two-week break at this time of year, the Princeton hockey team will return to action this Sunday afternoon in Baker Rink.

The Tigers, sporting a 7-1-1 mark overall and atop the ECAC Division I standings at 5-0-1, will face off against Northeastern, hoping to run their unbeaten streak to nine games. The opening face-off is set for 3 p.m.

Following that contest coach Don Cahoon and his skaters will get a very brief Christmas break, before flying out to Minnesota to compete in the two-day Mariucci Classic. The Orange and Black will be matched against the host Badger team in the opening round, Sunday, December 27, while Ohio State and Boston University square off in the other. Winners and losers will meet the following day in the championship and consolation rounds.


Cahoon and company will then get another short vacation until January 2, when ECAC competition resumes. Old Nassau will head to the Schenectady-Troy area of New York to face Union on Saturday night and RPI the following evening. The next ECAC action in Baker won't be until the weekend of January 8-9 when Dartmouth and Vermont come to Baker.

It's interesting to note that Northeastern will step on to the ice on Sunday as a definite underdog, because this rivalry has always been a one-sided affair in favor of the Huskies. Before the creation of the ECAC and Hockey East leagues with round robin play in the early 1980's, Northeastern was an annual fixture on the Princeton schedule and a regular winner as well.

Lifetime it holds a 20-12 edge in the series. In the last three decades the Tigers have won no more than four times, and not since a 7-6 overtime triumph in January 1975. However, the two teams have met only once in the last 15 years — in 1991 — Cahoon's first year in charge here. The Huskies won 6-4 in Boston.


This season finds Northeastern solidly in the Hockey East cellar so far with a 1-7-1 record, having been whipped once by Maine last weekend, 5-1 and managing a 7-7 tie with the Black Bears the next night. Overall it isn't much better at 4-10-1. It's a game the Tigers should win, if they haven't lost their focus after the back-to-back victories over Yale.

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## Tiger Hockey

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The contest will mark the debut of heralded sophomore forward Kirk Lamb. If Lamb lives up to half the hype surrounding him, the already powerful Tiger offense will get even better.

He has practiced with Princeton for a year, but has been ineligible to play in games because of a brief career in a major Canadian junior hockey league. Prior to coming here, Lamb competed in nine games for the Calgary Hitmen of the Western Hockey League. The NCAA rules committee views the league as professional and Lamb was required to sit out a full year plus nine games, the number he played for Calgary. The Northeastern contest will be the Tigers' 10th this season.



Don Cahoon

Two years ago Lamb collected 41 goals and 67 assists and finished as the top scorer in the nonprofessional Alberta Junior Hockey League. He was a center for the AJHL's Bonnyville Pontiacs, playing with junior defenseman Darren Yopyk. Lamb has practiced at both center and wing for the Tigers.

"I'm really excited," Lamb told The Daily Princetonian last week. "I haven't played a game since March, 1997. It's been a long time and I really want to get back in it. At the same time I'm a little nervous, because it has been a long time, but I'm definitely more excited than nervous. I just want to get on the ice."

Lamb will join a team that looks to have as many as three players collect more than 20 points for the first time in memory. Jeff Halpern leads the Tigers in scoring with six goals and eight assists for 14 points. He is followed by Syl Apps and Scott Bertoli with 12 points apiece. J.P. Acosta and Benoit Morin round out the top five scorers with eight and seven, respectively.

In nine games the Tigers have outscored their opponents 33 to 27. Take away the opening 9-1 loss to Boston University, and the margin is 32-18. The second period has been the Orange and Black's most productive — it has outscored its opponents by a margin of two-to-one, 16 to eight.

Dave Stathos and Nick Rankin have rung up almost identical statistics to date. Rankin, 4-0, has a goals-against average of 2.39 and a save percentage of .904. Stathos, 3-0-1, has a goals-against average of 2.20 and a save percentage of .913. That is going to make it awfully difficult for Craig Bradley (9.79 gaa and .667 save percentage) to break back into the lineup.

**SLAPSHOTS:** Cahoon's coaching record at Princeton to date is 99-102-27, just three games shy of the .500 mark. If he can rise above .500 by the end of the season, he will become the first winning coach since Lloyd Neidlinger compiled a record of 71-31-3 from 1927 to '33.

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St. Lawrence	4	1	0	8	9	4	0	
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Clarkson	3	2	0	6	6	6	1	
Yale	2	4	0	4	2	6	0	
Brown	1	5	2	4	1	5	2	
Dartmouth	1	3	0	2	4	4	0	
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## Princeton Men's Basketball Team Wins Home Opener by 41 Over Bucknell

If not for the big, block letters spelling PRINCETON across the scorer's table, the tiger painted at midcourt, and the band's orange and black jackets, the fans who jammed Jadwin for the men's basketball team's long overdue home opener December 9 might not have recognized their team.

Steve Goodrich, Mitch Henderson and James Mastaglio — three players from the class of '98 who had been fixtures the past three seasons — were missing. With three new starters, the new-look Tigers unleashed an uncharacteristically ferocious press, dominated the boards to a degree that head coach Bill Carmody had not seen in all his 17 years with the team and humiliated Bucknell 68-27.

Bucknell managed just six points in the first half and 27 for the evening — the fewest points Princeton has given up since its 55-27 defeat of Yale during the 1990-91 season. The Tigers stole the ball 16 times to come within one of tying the school record. The shell-shocked Bison went into break with more fouls (9) than points.

Princeton's offense did not look as sharp as

**"We've been trying to tell him to forget this Princeton passing stuff and score in there."**

With the exception of several picture perfect backdoor plays conducted by Brian Earl and Gabe Lewullis, Princeton played a less precise, more physical brand of basketball than it did last year. While unfamiliar, the new method was terribly effective.

"I had sinus surgery in '95; that's the only thing I can equate it to; and it hurt like hell," Bucknell's coach, Pat Flannery, said afterwards.

"They had some wide open shots early on and they missed them and just could never get going," Carmody said. "And we rebounded and our press really hurt them. They were throwing the ball all over the place. We don't work on that press all that much."

Maybe they should. Under pressure, Bucknell's guards struggled just to get the ball past midcourt. When they did, the Bison were in such disarray that they could not run their plays effectively.

### Devastating Defense

After winning the opening tip, the Tigers stole the ball five times in as many minutes, forced a backcourt violation and blocked the only two shots their opponents (almost) got off. Down 6-0, the Bison finally got on the board, at 13:56, thanks to a jumper by guard Willie Callahan, who eventually scored eight to lead his team.

The Tigers responded by scoring 19 unanswered points to effectively end the contest long before halftime. However, in its last visit to Jadwin, two seasons ago, Bucknell came back from a 44-25 second half deficit to hand Carmody what may have been his most embarrassing loss to date.

There was no comeback this time.

it did at times last season but showed improvement from earlier this year. As they have in each game so far Earl and Lewullis finished atop the Tiger scoring column. They scored 20 and 18 points respectively.

Earl hit four three pointers, which left him just two shy of the Princeton career record (235) held by Sean Jackson ('92). He also had a team high six assists, many of which went to Lewullis on the type of backdoor plays the Tigers are famous for.

### Center of Attention

But the night's biggest story, from Princeton's offensive perspective, may have been the emergence of freshman center Chris Young, who scored a season-high 11 points and snatched a game-high eight rebounds.

"He's seeing what he can do," Carmody said of Young. "All week in practice we've been trying to tell him to forget this Princeton passing stuff and score in there."

"If the ball was up there to be had on the rebound it was his," Earl said of his freshman teammate. "He was running in there with confidence and taking his hook shots. He didn't seem like a freshman tonight. I've been telling him, and the coaches have been telling him that it doesn't matter what year you are; if you're here to play you've got to play, and tonight he did."

"Each game I play I get a little more comfortable," Young said. "I think tonight was a big step in the right direction, to build a little confidence ... you have to go out and play to the best of your abilities. If you're out on the court you belong there."

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Young is still adjusting to the more physical nature of college hoops as opposed to high school, but he has a good teacher, junior Mason Rocca, who scored nine points in 15 minutes in relief of Young against the Bison and butts heads with the talented freshman daily in practice.

"He's a bull; he's as tough as they come and definitely prepares me to play in the games," Young said of his elder teammate.

#### Room for Improvement

Though the Princeton offense has yet to display the precision it showed last year with three seniors and two juniors on the floor, Carmody was happy with how it worked against Bucknell and believes it is improving.

"Come on, we won by 30 [actually 41]," he joked when questioned about a few miscues, then conceded "it's not the kind of sync we had last year. We've got a couple young guys and a couple guys who haven't played that much," he said, "and sync takes time. I remember when [Mitch] Henderson and those guys were freshman you had to wear a face mask. Balls were flying all over the place."

With a December 19 game at No. 2 Maryland looming, and the start of the Ivy season fast approaching, Carmody's greatest concern regarding his team is its shooting, which has declined in percentage from last year. In the Bucknell blowout, the Tigers relied less heavily on the three-pointer than they did in their previous two games, and got a lot of layups and high percentage shots, but still shot just 44.9 percent from the floor — well below last season's average of 49.8.

Though their accuracy has declined, the Tigers' rebounding has picked up this season. Their plus-17 margin against Bucknell was the largest Carmody could recall. Hopefully, the second-chance shots that good

rebounding provides will help Princeton succeed despite its shooting struggles.

**NOTES:** The Tigers travel to College Park to face Maryland on December 19. The Teropins were ranked No. 2 when they were upset by then No. 5 Kentucky on December 12. The Teropins had beaten their first eight opponents by an average of 32.8 points.

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While his breakout game may have helped his confidence, whether Young is ready to face Maryland's Obinno Ekezie, one of the nation's premier big men, remains to be seen.

Princeton returns home to face Rutgers at 7:30 December 22. That game will be broadcast locally on cable channel 8.

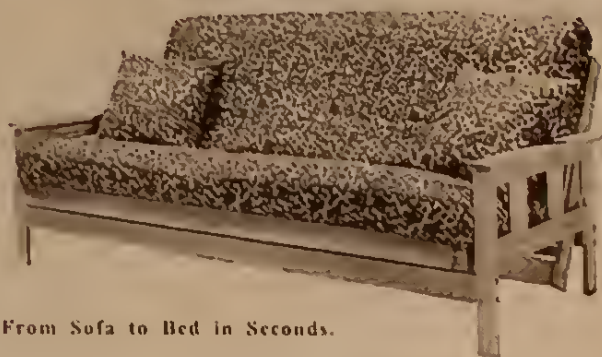
—Albert Raboteau



**A BIG GAME FROM THE BIG MAN:** Freshman center Chris Young shoots a hook over Bucknell's Dyrika Cameron during the Tiger's home opener December 9. In his best game to date, Young scored 11, grabbed eight rebounds and was a key factor in Princeton's 68-27 win.

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## PDS Basketball 1-2 After Two Defeats In Tournament

The Princeton Day boys basketball team as usual had no trouble blowing away Rutgers Prep in its season's opener a week ago Tuesday, but the Panthers found the opposition much more difficult in the Peddie Tournament over the weekend. They lost both games, and head into this week with a 1-2 mark.

This Wednesday Blair will visit for the Blue and White's home opener, Saturday New Rochelle High School will come to town, and Tuesday Philadelphia Christian Academy will be back for a rematch, which the Panthers may not be anticipating with much enthusiasm. PDS was whipped 77-46 by PCA in the Peddie School Tournament consolation on Saturday.

The good news of the week was the 84-46 triumph over Rutgers Prep in Somerset. The Panthers could have gotten back on the bus after the first quarter; they led 22-4 after just eight minutes. But four quarters make a game, and unlike baseball, they don't have a mechanism for stopping one-sided basketball contests.

So the rout continued, and coach Alan Taback might have wished he had brought a few jayvee players along. Justin Leith poured in 26 points, Ted Shoaf added 19, and freshman Pierre Downing had 14.

On Friday, PDS was matched against Wardlaw-Hartridge, last year's Prep B



**LEITH TRIES FOR TIP-IN:** Princeton Day's Justin Leith went up high for a tip-in against Philadelphia Christian Academy in the consolation game of the Peddie Tournament Saturday.

champion, and a team PDS handled 56-44 a year ago. This time the Rams got off to a 14-6 lead in the first quarter, and never looked back on the way to a 56-45 triumph.

The winners increased their advantage to 11, 28-17 at the end of the first half, and that was all they needed. Both teams scored 28 points in the second half. Shoaf and Leith did most of the scoring for the Blue and White, collecting 19 and 17 points, respectively.

In the consolation round Saturday, Philadelphia Christian got out to an early lead, and never let up, outscoring the Blue and White in every quarter. PCA led 36-20 at the half, and added 41 more points after the intermission. The 6'7" Leith had 22 points, almost half his team's total.

## With Several Stars Gone Hun Hockey Still Shines

With the graduation of Nick Burke, Geo Harris and Ian Young (the county's top three scorers last season) scoring looked to be a potential problem for the Raiders. But judging by its first two games, Hun has plenty of other offensive threats.

Chief among them so far are Juniors Fran Cattani and Andy Mikolasy, and senior Joe Lorbeck. Cattani scored four goals and assisted another in Hun's December 10, 6-2 win over West Windsor-Plainsboro (WW-P) and two in its 9-0 season opening demolition of the Academy of New Church; Lorbeck scored a hat trick with two assists in the opener

and two goals against WW-P; and Mikolasy had four goals and an assist in the opener.

Jared Innocenzi, a freshman who plays on the wing of Hun's first line with Cattani in the center and Lorbeck on the other wing, had three assists in the opener and one against the Pirates.

Whether Hun's emerging stars can match last season's 19-5-1 finish, or lead their team back to the Prep B Tournament finals remains to be seen.

They suffered their first setback Sunday, when they lost 2-1 at Morristown Beard.

The Raiders (2-1) host LaSalle at 3:30 Wednesday, December 16 and have invited Princeton Day, Randolph High, and Morristown-Beard to the Hun Tournament, which runs from the 18th to the 21st.

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## After Stuart Loss Hun Girls' Hoops Wins ANC Tourney

Winning tournaments seems to run in Courtney Tierney's family. The Hun junior's father, Bill, has coached the Princeton University's men's lacrosse team to victory in the past three NCAA Tournaments; and her brother Trevor was a member of her father's past two teams.

Last May, Courtney carried on the family tradition by playing goalie for a Hun lacrosse team that won the Prep 'B' finals. Last Saturday she continued the tradition on a basketball court, when she scored 23 second-half points to lead her team back from a 21-12 halftime deficit and by Lower Moreland in the finals of the Academy of New Church Tournament in Bryn Athyn, Pa.

The 35-33 win, which was preceded by a 52-35 first-round victory over host ANC on Friday, was the Raider's fourth of the season. They rallied for the tournament after losing, 45-39, to Stuart on December 9.

Tierney finished Saturday's contest with a game-high 25 points and finished off her opponent with a game-winning free throw in the waning minutes. Lower Moreland could have tied the game from the line but missed.

ANC jumped out to a 8-0 lead Friday; but Hun tied them at 14 by the end of the first period and led by nine at the half. Tierney topped all scorers with 24. Erin Cahill added 15 for the winners.



**GOING FOR TWO:** Panther freshman guard Paris McLean got open for this jump shot in fourth quarter action.

Stuart coach Bill Holup must have gotten wind of Tierney's season high, 31-point performance against Rutgers Prep, which happened two days before the Raiders and Tartans' first meeting.

Against Hun, he used a box-and-one defensive scheme to limit the junior to a season-low nine points; and the Tartans won 45-39. Stu-

art senior Helena Boe shadowed Tierney, while the rest of the Tartans played an effective zone that let only one Raider (Erin Cahill) score in double figures (12).

Boe was a factor on offense as well; she scored 11. Morgan Harris scored a game-high 26. Hun never caught up after falling behind 12-4 in the opening period, though

it rallied in the fourth and whittled the deficit down to 38-36 with under four minutes left.

The Raiders travel to George on Thursday, December 17 and will participate in a tournament at Rutgers Prep this Friday and Saturday.

—Albert Raboteau

## PHS Girls' Hockey Team Wins Its Season Opener

Abby Brenner and Katie Jon-dahl each posted two goals and one assist in the Tigers' season opening, 6-1, win at Beacon Hill Monday. Jen Werner scored once and had three assists for PHS.

The Tigers outshot their hosts by a whopping 26-7 margin. PHS's goalie, Naomi Britt, made six saves for the win. The visitors jumped out to a three goal lead in the opening period and padded the lead to six in the second. Beacon Hill scored its lone goal in the second.

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A year ago the Princeton Day hockey team had little trouble with Randolph High School, winning 5-2 late in the season as a tune-up for its tournament. Randolph came to town again last week as the third contest on the Panthers' schedule, and PDS was lucky to escape with a 6-4 triumph.

"We should have lost," was the comment from coach Chris Barless, whose team trailed 4-3 with just 5:27 left in the third period, after leading 3-1 in the first.

But good teams find ways to win, and with the aid of a lucky bounce or two the Blue and White did just that.

The Schaub brothers, J.D. and Scott, were instrumental in bringing the Panthers back. Scott, a freshman, had his shot deflect off two players before the puck slid by a surprised Randolph goalie. Alex Woller and J.D. Schaub assisted on the play. With 2:07 left Scott got the game-winner, scoring off another Woller pass.

Finally, J.D. shot the puck into an empty net at the end. Woller picked up his third assist, and goalie Armand Buzantian was credited with one also.

"The tying goal was extremely lucky," Barless said. "We dodged one. We had the majority of the play until the third period, and then they took it to us."

Indeed, after the first period, PDS looked to be well on

its way to an easy triumph. Alex Mathews got the Panthers off and running when he scored early, assisted by Brian Avery. The visitors answered that one, but before the period had ended Avery tallied, assisted by Mathews and J.D. Schaub, and another freshman, John Denise, scored. J.D. Schaub, who ended with one goal and three assists, got another one here and so did Tim Firth.

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## Two Defeats Put PDS Girls' Five at 0-4

The competition continued to be tougher than the Princeton Day girls' basketball team could handle last week, and the Panthers lost another pair of games. Their record is now 0-4.

A home contest against a 5-1 Pennington quintet on Thursday won't be any easier for coach Jill Thomas' troops, who may be able to pick up their first victory in the Rutgers Prep Tournament over the weekend. However, PDS has to meet Hun again in the first round of the tournament. Blair and Rutgers Prep play in the other bracket.

The third period was the killer when the Panthers visited Solebury last Wednesday. They began well, matching the home team almost point for point in the first half. The two teams were tied at 14 apiece after one, and Solebury led by just a single digit, 27-26 at the half.

But after the intermission, things fell apart for coach Jill Thomas' team; it was outscored 11-1 in the third, and 14 to 8 in the fourth, leading to a 52-35 defeat. Tracy Spinner collected 14 points to lead the Blue and White, Page Schmucker added nine.

On Friday the long trip to Blairstown became a longer ride home after the Blue and White left on the short end of a 41-24 score. Princeton Day could manage just seven points in the first half, and found itself behind 19-7 at the intermission. It outscored Blair in the third period, but the winners rolled up a 14-5 margin in the final frame. Schmucker's 11 points was almost half of PDS's total.

With a 2-0-1 mark, pending the outcome of Tuesday's contest against Academy of New Church, PDS will play in the Hun Invitational Tournament this weekend, facing off against Morristown High in the first round on Friday. Hun will meet Randolph in the other bracket, and winners and losers will meet Monday, December 21. It all goes as expected PDS will have its top defenseman, Mark Blatterlein, back in action for the tournament.

## PHS Boys' Hockey Team Wins Twice, Loses Once

A 4-2 loss at Clifton on December 11 is all that marred an otherwise outstanding opening week for Princeton High. In its two other contests, PHS (2-1) mauled Hamilton, 11-0, and Ewing, 10-0, to remain unbeaten in their division.

While both the Hornets and Blue Devils were Valley Division doormats last year, the Tigers' domination of both of them should send a message to Notre Dame and Hopewell Valley — last year's division front-runners.

On Monday, Princeton scored six goals in the first period to put Ewing away early. Two goals in each of the next two periods turned the rout into a double-digit rout. Kevan Graydon led the way with five goals and an assist; Terrence Miller added four assists; and Tom Shannon scored a goal and assisted three others.

Clifton snapped a two goal tie late in the second period and added an insurance goal in the third to hand the Tigers their first loss. Miller put PHS up in the first and tied the game in the second, before the home team's late surge sent its guests home empty-handed.

In its season opener at Hamilton on December 10, PHS embarrassed its host by scoring nine goals in the first period.

Graydon got his season off to a flying start with a hat trick and an assist; Miller and Eric Krieger each added a goal and three assists; and Jim Garito put the puck in the net twice.

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## After a Rough Start, Hun Boys' Basketball Is Still Winless

With its two leading scorers from last year gone, and with just two seniors who played varsity last year, this looked to be a growing year for the Raiders.

Add a road-heavy schedule and just 13 players to fill both the varsity and jayvee lineup, and it looked to be a rough childhood.

After dropping its first two games last week, Hun's growing pains continued with three more losses. It fell 77-57 at Wardlaw Hartridge (W-H) on December 8, then dropped two contests in the Peddle Tournament, losing 70-40 to Solebury on Friday and 54-45 to Lawrenceville on Saturday, in a consolation game that was hardly comforting.

On Saturday, both the Raiders and Big Red missed a lot of shots early. The eventual winners led 7-6 at the end of the first period, then got six second-period points from Tim Vaughan to lead 26-17 at the break.

Hun inched its way back and narrowed the deficit to three with 6 minutes left in the contest. With its opponent breathing down its neck, Lawrenceville got a second wind and scored 12 straight to cement its win. Mike Kaplan led the losers with 20 points.

A day earlier, the Raiders lost by 30 to Solebury, who would go on to win the tournament for the second year in a row, over St. Benedict's, 58-51, on Sunday. Jermaine Jackson got the Raiders off to a good start with six early points that helped his team lead 10-5 with 3:14 left in the first quarter. But the Spartans ended the period with a 15-point run.

After turning the tide, Solebury drowned the Raiders by outscoring them 23-9 in the second period. The defending tournament champs then cruised to a big win. Jackson and Kaplan scored 11 each to lead their team.

Against W-H, strong individual efforts from Kaplan, Jackson and Eric Basroon did not translate into a win for Hun. Up 19-12 after one period, W-H went on a 23-9 tear in the second, led 42-21 at halftime and won 77-57. Kaplan scored a team high 15; Basroon added 10; and Jackson netted nine and dished out eight assists.

The Raiders outscored their opponents 24-17 in the fourth period. But their comeback was too little and too late.

Hun (0-5) will look for its first win, at Morristown Beard, Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30. It will play in a tournament at Rutgers Prep this Friday and over the weekend. Friday's contest, against Timothy Christian, begins at 4.

—Albert Raboteau

## Hun Wrestlers Beat Gill For First Win of Season

After losing, 48-29, to Rutgers Prep (RP), the Raiders beat Gill, 48-24, in their second contest of a three-team-meet at Hun Friday. The win lifted the host team — which finished 4-8 last year after not fielding a team



**EYES ON THE HOOP:** Hun senior Mike Kaplan scored a game high 20 points in Saturday's loss to Lawrenceville.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

the previous four seasons — to 1-2. It lost its December 9 season opener against Wardlaw-Hartridge (W-H) by a score of 48-36.

Hun and Gill were deadlocked when Alex Engel pinned Tim Friedman 44 seconds into their 125-pound bout to give the Raiders a lead they never relinquished. Right after Engel's match, Louis Golden pinned Dan Holtz in 31 seconds to keep the momentum on Hun's side.



## OBITUARIES

**Lucille Matthews Zisler**, 84, a resident of Princeton for ten years, died December 12 at Princeton Medical Center following a brief illness. She formerly lived in Arlington, Va., and St. Louis, Mo.

A singer, dancer and comedienne from the 1930's through the early 1950's Ms. Zisler performed on Broadway in *Tattle Tales* and *Wish You Were Here*.

She toured throughout the

country with Barbara Stanwyck, Frank Faye, Stuart Fraser's Orchestra and Pinky Lee, and was a regular featured performer at the St. Moritz and Park Plaza hotels in New York; Mount Royal Hotel in Montreal; as well as hotels in Las Vegas, Minneapolis, Providence, Chicago, and Atlantic City.

She joined other top-name performers in selling U.S. savings bonds and in entertaining injured troops as they returned home during World War II. She was known throughout the country as "St. Louis' Darling of Mirth and Song."



**Lucille M. Zisler**

Following an automobile accident, she was unable to return to the theater. She became a secretary and later administrative assistant in federal government offices in Washington, D.C.

Daughter of the late Florence White Matthews and William Matthews, she is survived by a son, Randall Craig Zisler, and two grandchildren.

Viewing will be Wednesday, December 16 from 7 to 9 at Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton Avenue. A funeral service will be held Thursday at Trinity Church at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Trinity-All Saints' Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice-MCP, 208 Bunn Drive, Princeton 08540, or to Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street, Princeton 08540.

**John Kasmarek**, 93, of Rocky Hill, died December 12 at Morris Hall, Lawrenceville.

Born in Poland, he lived on his father's farm in Great Meadows before moving to the Skillman area.

From 1954 until retiring, he worked with Princeton Medical Center. He also owned and operated a tree nursery for many years.

He was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church, Skillman, and donated the church Christmas tree for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Anna; a sister,

Helen Snyder of Hainesport; and several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church, Skillman.

Burial will be in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows.

**Carrie Smith**, 92, died December 5 at Capital Health System at Mercer Hospital, Trenton.

Born in Rocky Mount, N.C., she lived in Princeton before moving to Trenton 50 years ago.

She was a member of Rising Sun Temple 119 of Daughter Elks of Princeton.

She attended Rocky Mount public schools.

She is survived by her former husband, James Rhodes; two nieces, Samirah Abdul-Fattah of Newtown, Pa., and Ella Doggett-Johnson of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two great-nephews, and a great-niece.

Graveside service was Friday in Princeton Cemetery. The Rev. Felicia Y. Thomas, pastor of First Baptist Church of Princeton, officiated.

**Marguerite D. Collins**, 75, died December 10 at The Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Rocky Hill, she was a lifelong resident.

She retired in 1984 as co-owner of Collins Garage, Rocky Hill, where she worked for more than 30 years.

She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Wife of the late James T. Collins Sr., she is survived by two sons, James T. Jr. of Skillman and John M. of Stockton; a daughter, Marguerite Merritt of Rocky Hill, with whom she lived; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral was Tuesday from The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, Princeton.

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**ANSWER:** Like millions of others, you have fallen into the materialistic trap of thinking that your value as a person is based upon how much you

make and spend. While all of us will do our best to buy gifts for our family, try to think of some meaningful and priceless presents which you can give to your wife and children which will not fade, rust, or end up in the back of the closet. Consider giving YOU as a gift, offering your family your:

**1. TIME:** There is only so much of you to go around. Rethink who you donate you to, perhaps cutting back here or there so as to be able to take your wife out for a walk and a talk, to show up at your daughter's school play, or to just stay home, rent a video, and enjoy each other's company.

**2. EMPATHY:** Instead of getting defensive when your wife or child tells you their angry or hurt feelings, work hard to listen intently to how they are feeling, summarizing what they said and felt to make sure you got it right. Whether it be your wife arguing for a new kitchen table or your teenage son for a later curfew, put yourself in their shoes before trying to give your knee-jerk reaction. Whether you end up buying the table or bending on the curfew, your wife and son will know you care enough to listen.

**3. PATIENCE:** Waiting without blowing your top while your preschool daughter ties her shoes before you take her to day care helps her to develop autonomy and you to develop tolerance for life's ups and downs. Your lower blood pressure will mean less arguments at home, less stress on the job, and more happiness for you.

**4. SMILE:** Instead of being grumpy, cynical, and an old grouch, try forcing yourself to smile a little bit each day. Amazingly, you will find that it is somewhat contagious, your wife and children exchanging their sad frowns for a happy face, and you yourself reframing what you thought was "a disastrous problem" into "a challenging opportunity." Gradually, you will be turning your family into optimists and problem solvers, for which all of us will thank you.

So, my advice is that you stop worrying about what you can not buy, and start thinking about how you impact on your family, more so than any teacher, peer, movie, or book will ever teach them. You have the ability to give them the priceless gift of yourself, which you will not find at Macy's or Penney's, or even at the North Pole, just under your own nose.

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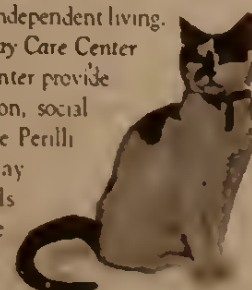
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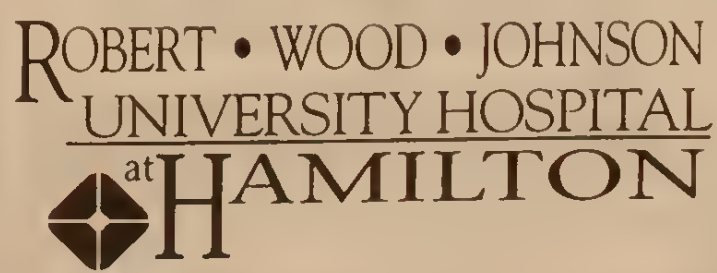
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